

to give you a true and brief Account of that matter, As I myself have been a personal Witness to most of them—

It was about the Beginning of April 1689. when the first Reports arrived at New York, that the Prince of Orange, now his present majesty was arrived in England, with a considerable Force and that the late King James was fled into France and that it was expected war would be soon proclaimed between England and France—

The Lieut Governor, Francis Nicholson and the Council being Protestants, resolved thereupon to Suspend all Roman Catholics from Command and Places of Trust in the government and accordingly suspended Major Baxter from being a member of Council and Captain of a Company at Albany and Bartholomew Russell from being Ensign in the fort at New York, they both being Papists, who forthwith left their command and departed the province—and because but three members of the Council were residing in New York viz, Mr Frederick Phillips Colonel Stephanus Cortlandt and Coll Nicholas Bayard all of Dutch birth, all Members, and the two last for near thirty years past, Elders and Deacons of the Dutch Protestant Church in New York and Most Affectionate to the Royall House of Orange.—It was resolved by the said Lieut Governor and Council, to call and Conveen to their Assistance all the Justices of the peace, and other Civil Magistrates and the