

who printed *Van Dam's* and *Morris's* Cases at large by their Desire, and at their Expence, which, no doubt, very much sharpen'd the Governor's Resentment against him, and the Chief Justice being turned out, there were only the two Judges left in Court to try the Printer for a Libel against him, wherein no worse was said of him than what the Chief Judge had declared to be against Law.

Mr. *Cosby* had been but few Months at *New-York*, before he quarrel'd with President *Van Dam* and Judge *Morris* in the Manner we have related; and made the People uneasy under his Government. Their Affairs had otherwise been in a good Situation.

Before we proceed to the famous Trial of *Zenger*, we must return to other Particulars relating to this Colony.

They had been for some time in no Fear of the *French Indians*, probably trusting to their Security by the *Barrier* of the *Five Nations* between them and the Enemy, and according to Mr. *Dummer's* Representation, they were very artful to take no Step that might provoke the *French* to disturb them. His Words are, "*New-York* has always kept itself in a State of *Neutrality*, contributing nothing to the common Safety of the *British Colonies*, while the *Canada Indians*, joined by Parties of the *French*, used to make their *Route* by the Borders of *New-York*, without any Molestation from the *English* of that Province, and fall upon the *Out-Towns* of *New-England*. This Behaviour was the more unpardonable in that Government, because they have 400 regular Troops maintained among them at the King's Charge, and have five Nations of the *Iroquois* on their Confines, who are entirely dependent on them, and might easily, had they been engaged in the common Cause, have intercepted the *French* in their Marches, and thereby have prevented the Depredations on his Majesty's Subjects of *New-England*. Solemn and repeated Applications were made to the Government of *New-York* by the Governors of the *Massachusetts*, *Connecticut* and *Rhode Island*, in joint Letters on this Subject, but in vain; the Answer was, *They could not think it proper to engage their Indians in actual War, lest they should endanger their own Frontiers, and bring upon themselves an Expence which they were in no Condition to provide for.* And thus the poor Colonies, whose Constitution was Charter Government, were left to bear the whole Burden, without any Help from those Provinces, whose Governors held their Commissions from the Crown." This is the more strange, because the Cause of Complaint