

therein by Said Leisler, who sent a party of his men in Arms and brought said Riggs, to the fort where he forced said Letters from him though some gentlemen of the Council that went the same time to the Fort. Protested against it, but he drove them out of the Fort, calling them Rogues, Papist, and other approbious names

Soon after the receipt of said letters, said Captain Leisler Stiled himself Lieut Govenor Appointed A Council--and presumeth to Call a Select number of his own Party, who called themselves the General Assembly of the Province and by their advice and assistance raised Several Taxes, and great sums of money from their Majesties good subjects within this province which Taxes together with that £773. 12s in money which he had Seized from the government, and the whole revenue he apply'd to his own use, and to maintain said Disorders allowing his private men 18s per Day, and to others proportionally.

On the 20th of January following Coll Bayard and Mr Nicholls had the ill fortune to fall into his hands, and were in a Barbarous manner By a party in Arms, Dragg'd into the fort, and there Put into a Nasty place, without any manner of process or being allowed to Bail, though the same was offered for Said Coll Bayard by some of the Ablest and Richest Inhabitants to the sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, either for his Appearance to Answer, or depart the province, or to go for England, but without any cause given, or