

Defence of New York we need shall require and by your ordination of his Excellency the Governor of that place to which we will loyal and humble Obedience to the Commands of that Honorable Person of ever blessed memory we humbly signify to your Excellency

1st That according to our utmost Abilities we shall at all times be ready to assist that Government with such Number of men and Arms when need shall require and his Excellency the Governor shall estimate the same as the strength and Ability of this Province will afford Consideration being had to our continual charge of several Rates of Men and Horse which are necessary and now actually in pay to Guard the Frontiers of this Province being equally exposed to the Attempts of Foreign Indians with any other of their Majesties Governments in this Continent

2^d That as to Money according to the former Report of this House to your Excellency dated the 16 of October 1694 that we are not of Ability to advance in that particular by reason of the vast Charge we have been and still are at which yet lies heavy on us and Great part undischarged

3^d That as to the Bill of Exchange in the Letter of their Majesties honorable Council of New York this House know not anything of it It appears to be drawn by his Excellency Governor Copland but whether for Service of this Province or not is unknown to us nor does any Request or Demand of the Representative Body of this Province appear for the same

This we humbly Represent unto your Excellency as the sense of the House on the Premises praying your Excellency and the Councils Concurrence therewith

Signed by Order

W. Bladen Clerk of the Assembly

May the 18th 1695

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Whittington & Major Hammond the House further resolved touching Assistance to New York viz

To his Excellency the Governor in Council &c

By the House of Burgesses May 18 1695

As to the Affair relating to their Assistance of New York We humbly Represent to your Excellency that we have seriously considered the same and entered these minutes upon our Journal

Resolved that Assistance shall be Given when need shall require &c according to our former message and because the Country is at Present utterly destitute of Money to pay the Soldiers now in Arms for