

A letter to the right Honourable and right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London and
and well known of
A letter to his Excellency the Governor of New York read and approved of which said
Several letters were signed by the Honourable Sir Henry Towles Chancellor on behalf
of his Majesty's Honourable Council and Sir John Ingham on behalf of the
House of Burgesses

An Address to his most Excellent Majesty concerning Free Schools in this Province
read first time and passed

An Act for reviewing the temporary laws of this Province read and well pass'd upon
Examination of the former Acts the same being right and the same being Examined do
find the Act for speedy Justice and Encouragement of Trade & by several Law therefore
to be Remarked

Drawn up by Order the following Proposal which was sent to the House of Burgesses
By his Excellency the Governor and Council 6th July 1696

Proposed that the House and some further supply towards the assistance of his Majesty
Government of New York pursuant to the Governor of New Yorks last letter now lying
before the House for their consideration his Excellency being willing to lend the Country
Money upon that occasion if wanting Signed by Order Henry Denton Clerk

The said Proposal came answered thus viz. By the House of Burgesses July 8th 1696
This House humbly thank his Excellency for his generous offer but considering how much
they are already Engaged to his Excellency for money already by him advanced upon that
acco^t and how much they are at present to contribute him and concerning themselves
to have sufficiently advanced towards the assistance of New York especially having paid
to that Government 30 odd pounds more than what his Sacred Majesty had been
Graciously Pleas'd to declare should be in lieu of the Duties from this Province do not
think themselves obliged any way to contribute thereto until his Majesty's Royal Plea-
sure shall be declared therein which this Province with all Obedience will wait for

Signed by Order W Bladen of the assembly

Proposed to the House that an Address be drawn up to his Majesty about New York
and a letter writt to Mr Blathwayt and Mr Povey and if they think fit to employ
either of the said Gentlemen to solicit their Affairs his Excellency will lend the Country
Money to do the same if wanting

Read again the following Bill viz. An Act for the service of Almighty God and the
Establishment of the Protestant Religion within this Province and being taken into
Mature Consideration proposed that the Remarks therein made being amended and if they
will say therein according to the Ecclesiastical Fundamental Laws of England instead
of Fundamental Laws it will pass

The said Bill with the others were returned to the House in Order to be Fair
Engroffed

The following Message being by Order drawn up was sent to the Houses

Wiz. viz.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council 6th July 1696

His Excellency having received Information upon a Complaint made by one Mr
Lumley how that Mr John Stowell had charged him the said Lumley as one of
the conspirators employed about the Intended assassination against his Majesty's
Sacred Person such discourses and Reports being held by this Board as matter of
Dangerous Consequence to the Government therefore proposed whether it be needful
as Circumstances of Affairs now stand that upon the said Report all the Roman Catho-
lics in the Province be secured and disarmed and whether the same will be to his