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and defeating the multitude he had gathered together, He is now secured in Our Castle of Edinburgh in Order to his execution, whereby the Peace of that Kingdom is perfectly re-established and our forces there ready and at leisure to receive and obey such Orders as Our service shall require elsewhere. Wee are likewise pleased to inform you that the late Duke of Monmouth, since attainted of Treason, is in the same Traiterous and Rebellious Manner landed in the Western Parts of this Kingdom, And with a number of men of the lowest degree and many of them unarmed has given disquiet to those Parts, But by the Care wee have taken in sending thither a sufficient number of our standing forces of Horse, foot and dragoons who are now in pursuit of him, Wee are expecting to hear of the total defeat of that Traitor and his accomplices, And wee being at the same time perfectly assured of the constant and undoubted Fidelity of the Nobility and Gentry as well as of the Militia of this Kingdom and having the better confirmation of the peace and tranquility of our dominions ordered such other new levies of Horse, ffoot and dragoones as be required, Wee cannot fail by the Blessing of God of a happy issue and success in our Affaires. All which we have thought fit to intimate unto you for the preventing any false rumours or reports which might be spread amongst our subjects at that distance by the malicious and Traiterous insinuations of ill men, and so Wee bid you heartily Farwell. Given at our Court at Whitehall the 26. day of June 1685. in the First year of our reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

p. 101 Extract of a letter from the Mayor of New York, dated the 13th May 1685.

Since His Majesty hath been pleased to seperate Delaware and the two Ierseys from this His Government of New-York, this City has apparently and extreamly suffered in the diminution and loss of its' Trade, being thereby deprived of at least one third Part thereof and hath ever since much lessened and decayed both in number of inhabitants Rents and Buildings, and his Majesty in His Revenue likewise suffers thereby, and the remaining part of this Province, when less able, the more burthened.

Upon which their Lordships making a report to his Majesty, the following Order was made.

At the Court of Whitehall the 17 of Iuly 1685. By the King's most Excellent Majesty and the Lords of his Majesty's most Honorable Privy Councill.

A Report from the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations being this day read at the Board in the words following vizi