

May it please your Majesty

Wee have received a letter from the Mayor, Aldermen and principal officers of the City of New York dated the 13th of May last, setting forth that since your Majesty hath been pleased to permit Delaware and the two Ierseys to be seperated from the Government of New-York, that City hath extreamly suffered by the loss of at least one third Part of its trade, and hath ever since much decayed in the number of Inhabitants, Rents and Buildings, and that your Majesty's Revenue doth likewise suffer thereby, whereupon wee offer our opinions that your Majesty's Attorney General may have directions to consider the several Grants and proprieties of East and West New Jersey and of Delaware aforementioned and to enter writts of Quo Warranto against the respective Proprietors thereof, if He shall find cause, it being of very great and growing prejudice to Your Majesty's Affaires in the Plantations and to your Customs here that such independent Goverments be Kept up and maintained without a nearer and more immediate dependence on your Majesty

All which is most humbly submitted

Rochester, Halifax P. Clarendon C. P. S.

Ormond. Beaufort

Council chamber

15. Iuly 1685.

His Majesty being graciously pleased to approve of the same is pleased to Order that M^r Attorney General do forthwith consider of the several Grants and Proprieties of East and West New-Jersey and of Delaware, and Enter Writts of Quo Warranto against the respective Proprietors thereof, if he shall find cause.

W^m Bridgman.

At the Court at Whitehall
the 17th of July 1685.

Present.

The King's most Excellent Majesty
in Council

After reading this day at the Board the Answer of the Lord Baltimore Proprietary of Maryland to the Complaints against his Officers there. his Majesty was pleased to order a Copy of the said Answer to be forthwith sent to the Comm^{rs} of his Majesty's Customs and that they together with the said Lord Baltimore attend his Majesty in Council upon that matter in this day sennight being the 24th inst.

W. Bridgman.

17th July 1685.

Order for Lord Baltimore and the
Comm^{rs} of the Customs to attend
the 24th