

Coll: Dongan's } The Consideration of the foregoing Letter Liber B.  
P. R. O.  
Lre considered } is referred untill the 21<sup>st</sup> day of this Instant and  
in the mean time ordered that the Clk of the Council write to  
Coll: Tailler to desire his Comp<sup>a</sup> and Assistance touching the  
pmisses and to send him Copy of Coll. Dongan's Letter and  
his Maj<sup>ties</sup> order aforesaid. And further ordered that the  
Sherif of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes County press Boat and hands to carry the  
Messenger (that brought hither the aforesaid Letter) to Vir-  
ginia being thither sent by said Coll: Dongan

At a Council held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes  
the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Aprill 1688

Present  
The hon<sup>ble</sup> { Coll: Henry Darnell  
                  { Coll: W<sup>m</sup> Digges  
                  { Maj: Nicho: Sewall

Coll: Dongan's } Was again read Coll: Dongan's Letter and  
Lre answered. } his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Order and the same being maturely  
considered by the Board returned thereto the foll: answer viz<sup>t</sup>

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Wee the Dep<sup>ties</sup> Lieu<sup>ts</sup> and Council of this Province have  
received your Excellencyes by your Messenger of date the 30<sup>th</sup>  
of March past together with Copy of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> order to your-  
self inclosed wherein we found his Maj<sup>tie</sup> has been pleased to  
say he had sent orders to the Neighbouring Collonyes to afford p. 158  
your Excellency such help as the Exigency of your Case might  
require, whereof on your Excellencyes part you have made us  
sensible of your Condi<sup>c</sup>ōn but as yet have not been soe happy  
to receive his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>ands touching the same which when-  
ever we doe we assure your Excel<sup>cy</sup> none shall pay more early  
obedience thereto then ourselves, be it in the exposeing our  
Lives and expending our Fortunes in such (or any other) his  
Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service to the utmost of our poor abilities according to  
the Constitution of this Province; We heartily thank your  
Excellency for your kind offer to us on the like occasion,  
which although our own security we are bound in the utmost  
to preserve yet ourselves and what we have are devoted to his  
Maj<sup>ties</sup> service according as the same shall require be  
Maryland } it where it will. Our prayers and best Wishes being  
Aprill 21<sup>st</sup> }  
1688. } for your Excellencyes good success against his Maj<sup>ties</sup>

Enemies

We rest your Excel<sup>cys</sup> humble servants

Superscribed  
To his Excel<sup>cy</sup> Thomas Dongan Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Captain Gen<sup>ll</sup> and Cheif Gov<sup>r</sup> of his  
Majesties Province of New York.

Henry Darnall  
W<sup>m</sup> Digges  
Nicho: Sewall