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May the 18th 1692 Mett in the Council Chamber

Present as before Yesterday Except Coll Jowles Coll Greenberry and Captain Addison gone to the Committee of Laws.

The foregoing Message designed for the house yesterday is now Sent down by Coll. Brown and M^r Tench.

Produced and read a Letter from the Governor and Council of New York Viz^t

May it please your Excellency

This comes to Congratulate your safe arrivall and happy Accession to the Government of Maryland, We are heartily glad of so good a Neighbour as you are Characterised to be, by all the Gentlemen of your acquaintance in this Province; We pray you to be so kind as to Maintain a frequent Correspondence with us by all Occasions, you may be Sufficiently informed by the President M^r Blackiston, and the Several Books & papers Sent from this Place; what proposals have been made with your Colony and the rest of Our Neighbours towards the Defence of Albany, which is the Frontier Garrison of all the English Plantations on the main of America, which if lost we must Lose Our Indians, the ill Consequences whereof will be equally shared amongst us all, and do make thinking men to Dread, the loose Estate and Condition of Government amongst Our Neighbours hath retarded their Motion towards our aid to reinforce that Post so that the whole Burthen hath layn upon this Poor Province, which indeed is intollerable, Our Indians have been very unsteady, and now we are forced to a great Charge of presents to preserve them in Amity; Our Neighbours in Virginia did send us Bills for above one hundred pounds to be given to the Indians; to tye the knot of friendship on their behalf, and this is all that we have yet received from any of Our Neighbours of any Sort of Assistance, tho this Government, since Governor Slaughters Arrivall, are to above Seven hundred pounds Charge in presents, beside the great Expencc in Maintaining that Garrison, We have had 300 Fuseliers all this Winter at Albany in pay, who are to be discharged in May next, by the Blessing of God it is still preserved, but in such fainting and Languishing Condition that all the Inhabitants are ready to retire to the Sea side, Trade being Extinguished and daily Alarms from the Enemies, We have been forced to make an Order and Proclamation to prohibit any manner of Persons able to bear Arms to withdraw from thence without a Pass, which the Enemy would rejoice to hear of, the City of Albany and Plantations next the River have been lately much Damnified by a flood of Rain; so that now were We obliged to Supply them with Bread, We