

Letter Bk. IV I found however upon conversing with his Uncle that he did not think his Nephew safe in the Province & that he should therefore advise him to retire to New York if I would give him a Letter to General Gage which I thereupon did requesting the General to give him his Protection. A Day or two after the Mob had assembled in the Night as abovementioned & while they were still in a Ferment The Tender belonging to His Majesty's Sloop the Hornet unluckily came hither from Virginia in pursuit of a small Schooner which the Master had brought up the Bay without the Owners Orders or Consent, scarcely had she dropt Anchor off of this place before a number of People knowing what she was went on board to enquire whether she had not brought up the Stamp't Paper destined for this Province & were much dissatisfied because M<sup>r</sup> Mewbray the Officer belonging to the Hornet who commanded the Tender would not give them a direct Answer & acquaint them with his Business. In the Evening M<sup>r</sup> Mewbray & two Passengers which he had brought up with him from Virginia came ashore to sup at a Publick House where there happened to be a good Deal of Company but before Supper it seems one of the persons who had gone on board the Tender on her Arrival came into the Room where those Gentlemen were with his Hatt on & a Paper therein with the Words "No Stamp Act" printed thereon. The Officer considering such Behaviour as an intended Affront to him put the Man out of the Room & ordered four of the Tenders Crew to keep him out & to remain with their Arms at the Tavern Door until the Company should break up. Some time afterwards it seems a Dispute arose between one of the abovementioned Passengers (who was in liquor) & M<sup>r</sup> Hammond one of the Representatives for this County & in order to determine the Affair they agreed to take a Bout at Boxing in which M<sup>r</sup> Hammond was much worsted, whereupon some ill designing Persons (supposed to be the Man who had been turned out of the Room & an Associate) went thro the Town crying that the Officer of the Tender was then murdering M<sup>r</sup> Hammond which Outcry immediately brought a Mob together, & some of them having Weapons in their hands fell upon the Officer who had gone out into the Street & wounded him very much, tho not dangerously & the Passenger who had occasioned the Broil was forced to swim aboard the Tender in order to save his Life. This is the Account M<sup>r</sup> Mewbray gave M<sup>r</sup> Ridout the next Day when he went to pay him a Visit & to invite him to come & remain at my House until he should be well enough recovered to return to Virginia & by what I can learn from others it is a pretty just Account. The Reason of my being so particular in giving you the Detail is lest the