

At a Councill held at the Councill Chamber at the City of St Maries the 19th Day of April Anno Dmi 1682: Liber R.
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The hon^{ble} { The R^t hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry}
Philip Calvert Esq^r Chancelo^r
William Calvert Esq^r Sēcry } Present
Coll Thomas Tailler
Cap^t W^m Digges }

John Saxon appointed Doore Keeper.

At w^{ch} time his L^{dsp} was pleased to communicate to the board a Letter he had lately recd: from Cap^t Anthony Brockholls Governo^r of New York in answer to one from his L^{dssp} and Councill the 4th March last past together also with one from Cap^t Richard Hill entrusted to manage that affaure giving an Acco^t of his negotiation there Both which Letters were ordered to be read as foll viz:

New Yorke March the 29th 1682 :

R^t hon^{ble}

Yours of the 4th instant p Cap^t Hill yesterday came to hand whom kindly received, and with all speed dispatched, am extreemely troubled at the effusion of Christian blood and other Depredations in your Province, which were not before Informed off, and although rumoured unwilling to beleive hoping there might be noe truth therein, to prevent which as it hath alwaies been the care and endeavour of my Predecesso^{rs} not onely out of Christian Duty but a p^ticular respect wee beare to your Province, soe in my station shall be as Diligent and ready and noe waies wanting to doe you any service therein Assureing you that all his Maj^{ties} Subjects in our leagues and treatys with Indians have had a like Equall Esteeme, and we the same regard for their Safety and Defence as our selves however violated; The Northern Indians whom you charge to have been the Acto^{rs} of those Mischiefes are soe numerous, farr distant and of soe many severall nations that I know not whom to ask Satisfaction off. And have little cause to think the Maquas and Senecas who have hitherto continued true and keepe their league with us; should soe soone forgett that more particularly made for you by Coll Coursey and which I beleived would proove an Effectuall meanes for future Quiett, but rather that they think you slight or forgett them, none from your parts haveing been to renew the peace as is usuall and expected by them we doeing the same yearely, and if duely observed might be of greate benefitt and advantage for the preservation of peace and