

of Cattell & hogs, it is modestly computed, the better half of what was in the province are dead; And this year by the vnseasonableness of the summer we have scarce made half Crops of Tobacco & little better of Corn, by which means this province is mightily impoverished; As for the raising of Men, the very noise & alarm thereof has already had such fatall consequence in affrighting the labouring ffreemen of this Province that by sad Experience Wee find our selves this present year decreased above 400 & odd Taxables to the great lessening of his Ma^{ts} Revenue & damage of this Province, And if the Men should be actually Raised, it would occasion the greatest part of the ffreemen within this province to desert it & leave the Countrey altogether vndefended & an open pray to the Enemy who are much nearer to Us than New York; And altho such Men were raised, this Province is not in any capacity of paying or equipping them forth with Arms & c^a for that the publick Revenue thereof is very small, and his Lordship the Lord Baltmore hath above halfe thereof so that of necessity the forces so raised must be paid by an equall assessm^t vpon the Taxables of this province and the same will amount to the third part of their Estates; As for Arms & Ammunition, We are altogether destitute thereof, not having sufficient for our small train bands, nor can We procure any vntill such time as those shall Arrive, which his Ex^{ncy} our present Govern^r hath sent for from England Nevertheless it is Unanimously Resolved by this House that if his Ex^{ncy} will be pleased to advance so much Money for the assistance of New York, as with what We have already transmitted thither, will make vp our Quota proportionable to our Neighbouring Colony of Virginia, being 133^{lbs} 08^s 07^d the House do hereby Resolve he shall be gratefully refunded the same out of the first money accruing to this Province, out of the publick Revenue thereof.

W Bladen Clk Assembly

The Gentlemen of the Councils Letter to the hono^{ble} his Ma^{ts} Council of New York, is as follows, Viz^t

Port of Annapolis, Octob^r 19th 1695.

The Gentle-
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Councils

Letter to the
Council of
New York
Governm^t

Gentlemen

There was laid before Us by our Govern^r a Letter of yours of the 9th of September past, the which was sent down to the House of Burgesses: His Excellency our Govern^r has prest Us for assistance to New York, And We have caused the same to be put home severall times to the House of Burgesses & Delegates, but his Excell having been pleased to communicate to Us a Letter of his