

Original Journal. not the least doubt that any crafty Inclinations will abate your good Intentions in confirming so glorious and good an Act; But that you will chearfully Join in putting it on that foot His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give us an handle to do. That for the future it may not be within the reach of our opponents to shock it again, tho their Efforts have proved feeble hitherto yet you ought not to trust any longer, but Endeavour to plant it firm to your Posterity which will be a most lasting Testimonie of your virtues

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I am directed by his Majesty to communicate to you his Letter of the 19th of January 1700 in which his Majesty has thought it necessary for your Safetys that you give a Supply of Six hund^d p^{ds} Sterl towards the building a Fortification in the Government of New York as also a quota of Men if occasion should be I need not Enforce this his Majestys Commands to you with any better Arguments than that he is pleased to signify in his Letter that your Compliance in this will entitle you to his Royal Grace and favour

I have been some years among you and you have always found me Strictly Just to you wherefore if I have any Credit with you, It is my real opinion you cannot be kinder to yourselves than in Shewing your ready Compliance with his Majesty's Letter; for his Regards to this Province have been very particular, and he is now about giving us a further Testimony of it by taking us into his more immediate Protection by Act of Parliament; As for the Danger of the common Enemy, that seems to threaten us, Providence has been very liberal in blessing us with a Prince that will vigorously in his own Person defend us, & not appear at the Head of his Army by Proxy as most other Princes do

p. 191 **Gentlemen**

I have now been three years among you and must with great Satisfaction own the good Concord we have had, and if I have at any Time departed from that Justice, Honour, and Integrity incumbent on me Pray upbraid me with it that I may avoid it for the future; for I have Examined my self and am not in the least Conscious that I ever have been wanting in my constant Endeavours of an unbyassed Pursuit of the true Interest of his Majesty and the Inhabit^{ts} of this Province; what other things I hold myself enjoyed to Consult you in shall be done by way of Message as is usual.

Mr Speaker and the Members of the House took Leave and departed

The Board adjourned till 8 of the Clock to Morrow morning