

Lib. X. Resolved that they bear this Test Witness Our Trusty and well Beloved Thomas Tench Esq^r President of Our Council within this our said Province

Then was the Great Seal delivered unto his Honour the President as also the several Commissions & Lords of Trade & Foreign Plantations & Secry of States Letters & those from the Commsrs of the Customs Lords of the Admiralty &c^a according to order of the last Council

His Honour the President desires the advice of the Board where it may be proper to Lodge them who say they think the Council Office the properest place

Resolved that this Board will write to his Exc^v the Lord Cornbury and Colonel Nicholson her Majesties Governor of New York and Virginia to acquaint them of his Excellency Gov^r Blackistons departure and the Gov^t being devolved upon the President & Council & to desire their friendship to this Province

p. 290 Ordered that the Clerk of the Council prepare the said Letters

Friday July the 31st 1702

The Council Sate again present as Yesterday

Captain Nathaniel Bostocks Letter of the 29th Inst being read requiring this Board to lend him one hundred pounds Sterl for the support of her Majestys Advice Boat Eagle now attending this Province under his Command

The said Captain Bostock being called in was told that the Board has considered of his Letter & are heartily Sorry that it is not in their power to assist him in so great an Exigency & that no instructions have been given this Gov^t or to the said Captain Bostock to apply to them for any Credit or otherwise

And Since that her Majesty has no money here but the 3^d p hhd which is particularly directed to be applied in Providing this Province with a Constant Magazine of Arms & Ammunition they cannot Supply them out of their own Pocketts not having power to dispose of that money any otherwise than as intended and directed However that her Majestys Service may not Suffer to acquaint Captain Bostock that upon this pressing Occasion they will procure him £100 Sterl provided he will give good Country Security to refund the same in some reasonable time

It being represented to this Board that the Dissenters are very industrious to draw away the unstable People of this Province who not being Sufficiently instructed in the Principles of their Religion are often seduced & that this happens