The Scheme of officers Fees proposed to be retrenched being Original read at this Board his Ex^{cy} is pleased to ask the Council Journal. whether it be reasonable to retrench any of the s^d Fees who say the Fees are not greater than the service requires Save the Secretary's Fees for an Injunction an auditâ Querelâ and Writt of Enquiry of Damages which this Board are willing should be regulated as proposed

By his Ex^{cy} the Governour and Council in Assembly Sep^r 29th. 1704.

Resolved by this Board that an Address be sent to her Majesty to Congratulate the Success of her arms under the Conduct of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough and that the Thanks of his Ex^{cy} the Governour and this Board and the honble Assembly be given her Majesty for placing his Grace in that Station since the loss of his Majesty King William of glorious memory Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council

The three last messages were sent to the House by Col Hammond Col Jenkins Col Lloyd and Col Holland

The following messages sent to the House by Col Hammond and Mr Sanders

By the Council in Assembly Sep^r 29th. 1704.

We have moved his Excy that whereas in the year 1702 the then Assembly did vote £300 sterl for the assistance of New York which summe was directed to be paid out of the publick Treasure of this Province to the order of that Government when sent for but for as much as the Government of New York has not yet thought fitt to send for that Sum of Mony we are induced to suspect they have greater designes against us and therefore desired his Excy would admitt the same sum to be remitted to Mr John Hyde in England ready for that Service in Case the Lord Cornebury shall require the same otherwise that our Agent might make use of all or any part thereof to obviate any Machinations by the said Government of New York against our Constitution if any such be prosecuted to which his Excy has been pleased to Assent Therefore we desire to have your Concurrence therewith signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun

The House acquainted that the Board consent to regulate the ffee of four pounds of Tob° p Annum for Searches and