

A Council hold at the Council Chamber at the City  
 of St. Maries the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno Domini 1693,  
 the fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord & Lady King  
 William & Queen Mary &c.

Present.

Mr Thomas Lawrence	Thomas Finch Esq
Mr Nicholas Grenville	Mr John Dodson
Mr Charles Hutchins	Mr Thomas Brooke Esq
Mr David Browne	

Mr Edmund Andros  
 produces Commission by  
 which he demands this  
 Governm<sup>t</sup>.

His Excellency Mr Edmund Andros also appeared and produced to the  
 Board their Majesties Commission of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1691 in the  
 the fourth year of their Reign, constituting & appointing him the said  
 Mr Edmund Andros, in case of the death of Cap. Francis Nicholson &  
 their Majesties Lieut. Governour: ~~in the said Province~~ and the absence  
 of the said Lieut. Governour: in the said Province, in and over this  
 Province, with full power & Authority, to execute & perform all and  
 singular the powers & directions contained in their Majesties Royall  
 Commission & instructions to the said Governour, by virtue whereof he did  
 demand in their Majesties Names the Governm<sup>t</sup> of this their Province,  
 and desired the Opinion of the Board what they have to say  
 thereunto.

Mr Edmund Andros  
 Commission read --

The Commission being read & duly considered, they are of Opinion,  
 and do respectively and distinctly declare, that the same ought to  
 take place, and that the Governm<sup>t</sup> of this Province doth from hence  
 forth devolve upon his Excellency the said Mr Edmund Andros, by  
 virtue of the said Commission, which was ordered to be recorded  
 in the Journall of this Board, and is as follows, V<sup>t</sup> --

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Mr Edmund Andros  
 his Commission --

William & Mary by the Grace of God King & Queen of England,  
 Scotland, France & Ireland Defenders of the Faith &c. Do our  
 trusty, well beloved Mr Edmund Andros Knight our Lieut<sup>nt</sup> &