

Produced and read his Majesty's three Letters to his Excellency of the 21 of May 1701

Appointing Coll Edward Lloyd M<sup>r</sup> James Sanders & Col<sup>l</sup> William Holland to be of his Majesty's Council of this Province

Whereupon the said three Gentlemen appearing at the Board were accordingly sworn and admitted of his Majesty's Council within this Province having first taken the Oaths appointed by act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy & Subscribed the Test & Association & then took their Places at the Board

Produced and read his Majesty's Letter..... of the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1702 concerning a supply of 650 £ Sterling to be furnished by this Province for the Aid & Defence of the Frontiers of his Majesty's Province of New York

Which being taken into due consideration by this Board desiring to procure a dutiful Compliance to his Majesty's Commands

It is their opinion that in regard the Gov<sup>r</sup> of New York has never yet called for the said sum it would have been very chargeable to this Province to have convened the assembly on purpose only to have supplied the said sum neither would it have been advisable upon the first Receipt thereof to have then supposed it to the assembly here who might perhaps have followed the example of our adjacent Neighbours in refusing the said sum but that it being convenient