

Lawrence Bowen her Majesty's Secretary & the Clerk of the Council keep each of them a file Book, wherein to enter the names of all persons appointed & Commissioned to any Office in this Province & the time when so that it may be readily known who are the Officers civil & military within this Province

Ordered that the Sheriffs of the several Counties inquire & make yearly Return of all such Officers names & the dates of their Commissions

It being proposed that whereas the Government of this her Majesty's Province is by his Excellency's Departure devolved upon the President & Council here the several Commissions to be issued under the Great Seal should bear Test

Resolved that they bear this Test *Witness Our Trusty and well Beloved Thomas Tench Esq. 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 & Seals of Trade & Foreign Plantations & Secy of States Letters & those from the Comms of the Customs Seals of the Admiralty &c. 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 Excellency the Lord Cornbury and Colonel Nicholson her Majesties Governour of New York and Virginia to acquaint them of his Excellency's departure and the Govt being devolved upon the President & Council & to desire their Friendship to this Province