

Fryday May the 8<sup>th</sup> 1696.

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Journal.

The house met and were absent Mr John Watson Col:  
Hanson Mr Hutchins Mr Robert Smith Mr. Scarborough Col.  
Herman & Col. Codd.

Then read over what was done yesterday.

Put to the Question that Whereas the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the port of p. 6  
Williamstad<sup>t</sup> having agried with Mr. Nicholas Low for one  
hundred Acres of [Land] for a Towne Comon at the price of  
12000 l of tob: if [he] shall not be restored to his Title therein  
unless the said [sume] of tob: shall be paid him by the next  
fall.

Carried by he shall unless the Tob:  
be paid

Upon pe[rusall of Letters ] from his Ex<sup>cy</sup> our Gov<sup>r</sup> to his  
Ex<sup>cy</sup> Col: [Benjamin Fletcher ] Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Gov<sup>r</sup> of New York as  
also Severall Letters [from] the said Gov<sup>r</sup> of New Yorke to  
his Ex<sup>cy</sup> requiring a further Supply from this province for the  
Assistance of New Yorke.

The house taking into Consideration that this province had  
addressed his Ma<sup>ty</sup> to be relieved from that Burthen, to which  
Address his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Gracious pleasure is not yet Signified.

Also reflecting that our selves are under the Same and no  
greater Obligation then our Neighbouring Colony of Virginia  
who have not as yet advanced any thing although We have  
advanced the Sume of 333<sup>l</sup> 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> sterl. Nor has the s<sup>d</sup> Gov<sup>ernm</sup>  
of New Yorke taken any Care to make the Absolute  
necessity of such Assistance required apparent to this house.  
And considering the present ill Circumstances of this provin-  
ce by the great Mortallity of Cattle Scarceness of provisions  
and the great and Vast debts this province is engaged in, and  
also the Misfortune of the Fleet expected from England not  
being yet arrived rendring us incapable of Affording such  
Assistance.

Put to the Question if any further Supply shall be sent  
from this province to the Assistance of New Yorke.

Resolved nemine contradicente no further Supply to be  
granted from this province for Assistance of New Yorke, nor  
any further Answer given to that Government as to that p. 7  
Matter untill his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s further pleasure shall be Signified  
therein

The above Resolve Sent [to] his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill by  
Major Hamond and Major Dorsey.

House [adjourned for two hours]

Po[st meridiem]

The house [mett, and upon] calling over the following  
members were [absent, viz<sup>t</sup>] Mr Watson Cap<sup>t</sup> Bayn Colonel