

him and the members of this house to attend him and his Mat<sup>ys</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill at the Councill Chamber. Original  
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Whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the whole house adjourne to the Councill Chamber.

Att the Councill Chamber his Ex<sup>ty</sup> is pleased to make to the house the following Speech viz:

Gent: I have never convened you oftner then the imediate affaires of the Province have required, and that not oftener then once a yeare neither should I have called you now soe early in the Spring but that some concerns of moment require yo<sup>r</sup> concurrence.

The Law for Establishm<sup>t</sup> of Religious Worship in this province according to the Church of England which you made last and sent home is now returned by his Maj<sup>ty</sup> for yo<sup>r</sup> assent, and you will find the alteracōns that are made but very little and those such vissable amendments to our advantage being corrected by soe wise an hand Wee ought to be proud of the patterne in confirmeing it

If I mistake not yo<sup>r</sup> Journall of Assembly will make it appear that this way was humbly requested by yo<sup>r</sup> Selves in an address to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> that he would be pleased to order it to be drawne as he should think fitt and to be remitted to you for yo<sup>r</sup> concurrence

And Since this Law was soe unanimously made by you I have not the least Doubt that any crafty insinuacōn will abate yo<sup>r</sup> good Intentions in Confirmeing soe Glorious and good An Act but that you will chearfully joyne in putting it upon that foote his Mat<sup>y</sup> has Graciously given us an handle to doe that for the future it may not be within the reach of our opponents to Shock it againe tho' their Efforts have proved feeble hitherto Yett you ought not to trust it any longer but endeavour to plant it firme to yo<sup>r</sup> posterity which be a most lasting Testimony of yo<sup>r</sup> v̄ertues

I am directed by his Maj<sup>ty</sup> to communicate to you his Lre: of the nineteenth of January in w<sup>ch</sup> his Mat<sup>y</sup> has thought it necessary for yo<sup>r</sup> Safeties that you give a Supply of six hundred and fifty pounds Sterling towards the building a ffortificacōn in his Govrnm<sup>t</sup> of New Yorke as allsoe a Quota of men if occasion should be. I need not enforce this his Mat<sup>ys</sup> command to you with any better argument then he is pleased to Signifie in his Lrē that yo<sup>r</sup> compliance with this will entitle you to his Royall Grace and favour

I have been some yeares among you and you have allways found me strictly Iust to you.

Wherefore If I have any credit with you it is my reall oppinion you cannott be kinder to yo<sup>r</sup> Selves then by showing yo<sup>r</sup> ready