

Country's Safety will animate you to a strict Enquiry & can Lib. 41.  
never believe any Time more proper to consider of it than  
when we are threatned by all Sorts of Enemies abroad & Vil-  
lains in our own Bowels which would enervate & unhinge  
your Constitution.

Gent. Her Majesty's Honble Council advised me to meet  
you at this Time that by the prudent Assistance of your well  
digested Considerations we may unanimously join to suppress  
every thing that dares disturb your Peace or the quiet Enjoy-  
ment of your Fortunes, Industry & Care which a steady  
Heartiness may now establish to your lasting Honour.

I am resolved Gent. during my Administration what her  
Majestys & her good People here have so prudently Set apart  
for the Defence of this Province shall be disposed of to no  
other Use whatsoever but for the Safety, Preservation and  
Quiet of every individual Member thereof.

And I doubt not but these frequent chargeable Alarms will  
so invigorate your Resolutions we may be ever in a Posture to  
crush all Sorts of Disturbances before they are formed into  
open Hostilities, and dare assure you if you will adhere to some  
Methods I shall presume to lay down which shall neither be so  
burthensome or impracticable (as at present) your Posterity p. 23  
will be obliged to this present Assembly for their future  
Tranquility.

I'll transmit to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker some Letters about the New  
York Affairs as likewise an Account of a Criminal lately con-  
demned & some other Accomplices not yet brought unto Tryal  
by whose Vows & Oaths to be secret to this horrid Combina-  
tion you will be thoroughly sensible the Scene was laid to a  
very bloody Purpose.

Gent. As you very well know the Occasion of this Meeting  
when you have well considered the several Instances Contriv-  
ances & Papers relating thereto if we are uneasy for the future  
blame not a Gentleman who will never be wanting to do his  
Duty to the best of Queens my Sovereign or his strict Friend-  
ship & vigilant Care over the Province her Majesty was  
graciously pleased to constitute me Governor.

Which being ended M<sup>r</sup> Speaker & the rest of the Members  
took their Leave & returned to their House where M<sup>r</sup> Speaker  
having taken the Chair Ordered his Excellency's Speech be  
read in the House which was read accordingly, &

Ordered it be read again to Morrow Morning

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Greenfield Col<sup>o</sup> James Maxwell & M<sup>r</sup> Thomas  
Frisby ordered a Committee for Election and Privileges

Ordered M<sup>r</sup> James Wootton be desired to attend the House  
for Prayers in the Church at Seven O'Clock in the Morning &  
five in the Afternoon.