

The Leisler Papers

1689–1691

*Files of the Provincial Secretary of
New York Relating to the Administration of
Lieutenant-Governor Jacob Leisler*



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Hand Malletts	1 dozen
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[LETTER FROM EASTHAMPTON OFFICIALS TO LEISLER,
 SEEKING TO JOIN THEIR TOWN TO CONNECTICUT]¹

Honored Sir

Having this oportunity wee thinke it meet to Send a few lines to pr[ove] our respects to you, and to Manifest Our Great Approbation of what y[ou] have done for the Securing of that place where you live, also understandi[ng] you have an Order from his Excellent Majesty the King for the setleing of Matters in point of Government Which hath been Essayed to be imposed upon us in these parts, but could not Comply with being a[s] we apprehend built upon the old foundation of a power which we ha[ve] for this many Yeares Groaned under, as your Honor Very well Knowsh in many respects, therefore hope you will not blame us if [we] doe not willingly Subject to one old bondage againe, but rather use all Lawfull meanes of deliverance from the same, not in any disobedience to Authority whether inferior or Supreame, for Ser we are Very desireous to let you understand that we have agreed to Send over to his Majesty both a true Narration of the Greivances we have Suffered this many yeares under an Arbitrary power, and a Petition to their Majesties that we might be rejoyned with Conecticut Government as formerly; agreeably to that Act of Parliament, that all places (N: E) being perticularly Mentioned Shall

1. Material in brackets is from *The Documentary History of the State of New York*, 2:187-88 (octavo), 104 (quarto).

have the Same priviledges they enjoyed in the yeare 1660 restored unto them, which doth encourage us to make our Adresse to his Majesty hoping to obtaine his Royall Favour with other his Loyall Subjects, and in the Meane tyme to stand up both persons and Estates in defence of his Majesties Royall Authority, together with other his Majesties Subjects in those parts against all his Knowne Enemies, and if there be need, to afford what assistance we are able not laying our selves open to danger, therefore humbly intreate you Sir to Consider, that we of Easthampton are a fronteer Plantation and lye most open to danger of any Enemy by sea, and are intended Very shortly to send forth our skouts to Montaukut and so to the end of the Island Eastward that so if any Shipping be seene upon the Coasts, tymely notice may be given not onely to our selves but all over the Island, and to N.Y: which we hope be of Good use for the publick Safety Sir we humbly intreate of you if there hath not been that Concurrence as you may desire, not to impute it as to any disaffection to your person, much lesse to your Authority (for the most part of us) being of the same Religion, subjects to the same King, desireing of God your prosperity, and good successe in the place you are in, and that we have a faire Correspondence with you, and if you apprehen[d] we are out of the way, loveingly to Convince us of it, and we shall readily hearken to the same, so we rest your Very Loveing freind[s] and humble servants

Easthampton
March 10th 1689/90

Samuell Mulforde
Samuell Person

Thomas Chatfield
In the name of the Rest.

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[36:34]

[MEMORANDUM OF CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR ROBERT TREAT ABOUT
ARRESTING ROBERT LIVINGSTON]

Whereas Lieutenant Daniele terneur hath this 12th day of March 1689/90 shewed mee a Warrant seigned Jacob Leisler for the apprehending of robert Levingston for wards spoken by him said Levingston no time place or Yeare mentioned, when they were spoken and where, in the said