

foreigners, were entitled to the privileges of Englishmen here. It speaks concerning the late revolution here, of which I have but a confused idea, and can remember nothing particular; afterwards it speaks concerning my Lord Bellamont's administration, in several articles, of which I can remember but one, which is, that the hottest and ignorantest of the people were put into places of trust. Then it speaks concerning the late assembly here, and tells you, that after this assembly had chosen a speaker, some of the representatives were informed that he was an alien; upon which they made a motion to the house, that that matter might be inquired into; but that motion being refused, one half of the representatives, or ten of them, left the house; notwithstanding which, the remaining part of the representatives, with some others they took in, did proceed to make acts; in one of which acts they gave a sum of money to the lieutenant governor, to tempt him to pass these acts; and likewise a sum to the chief justice of this province, to find law and form for their proceedings; and, that these things tended to the rendering the government vile and cheap in the eyes of the people.

The *Solicitor General*. What names do you remember you saw to the addresses? I saw several names there; but whether to all three, or two of them, or only to that of my Lord Cornbury, I cannot say; but I did, to the best of my remembrance, see the names of Rip van Dam, Matthew Ling, Charles Wooley, Robert Livingstone, and Mr. Anderson; am not certain whether I saw

Mr. Jamison's name there or not. I told Colonel Bayard, they contained things done before my time, and I did not therefore think it proper for me to sign them; upon which he replied, "then do not sign them."

The *Solicitor General*. I shall read what you said before the council. "Do you not remember that it was said, that my Lord Bellamont had put the most ingenious and honest men of the province out of all places of trust?" "No, I cannot remember that."

"I think you said so before the council." "Perhaps I might say something like it when I was before the council, though I do not believe there is any essential difference between what I now say, and what I said to the council; yet if there be, I hope what I then said will not be taken to my prejudice; I was then sent for by the governor's letters, which seemed to import, that he had business with me of a far different nature than to examine me about this matter; so that I was then in a surprise."

"But you believe what you then spoke was true?" "Without doubt; and I hope Mr. Cosens took care truly to write down what I then delivered; but, whether he did express my meaning right or not, I know not; for I did not look over his notes till the day I saw them at your chamber." "Was not the assembly called an illegal assembly; and that they had made acts prejudicial to the country?" "No, I do not remember that." "Was it not said that the scum of the people were put into all places of trust?" "Perhaps I might before the council use the