

*Sir John Werden to Lieutenant Brockholes.*

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Sir.

His Roy<sup>ll</sup> H<sup>s</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> have by his ord<sup>rs</sup> had divers meetings of late touching the state of affaires at New York, and are as fast as they can preparing all things for y<sup>e</sup> next opportunity; but by reason of his R<sup>ll</sup> H<sup>s</sup> being in Scotland and y<sup>e</sup> suddenesse of y<sup>e</sup> ships departure, I am directed to write this letter to you at p<sup>r</sup>sent, to desire you to take y<sup>e</sup> best care you can (in y<sup>e</sup> interim) to keep all things within y<sup>t</sup> governem<sup>t</sup> of New York and its dependencies in quiet and good ord<sup>r</sup> especially y<sup>t</sup> the soldiers may behave y<sup>m</sup>selves discreetly, that y<sup>e</sup> civil Magistrates may have their legall authority p<sup>r</sup>served and y<sup>t</sup> all sorts of people may enjoy their rights and propertyes. And though I cannot yet positively assure you y<sup>t</sup> it will be soe, yet I may hint to you y<sup>t</sup> we believe his R<sup>ll</sup> H<sup>s</sup> will condescend to y<sup>e</sup> desires of y<sup>t</sup> Colony in granting y<sup>m</sup> equall priviledges, in chooseing an Assembly &<sup>c</sup> as y<sup>e</sup> other English plantations in America have. But if y<sup>s</sup> be it will be upon a supposition y<sup>t</sup> the Inhabitants will agree to rayse money, to discharge y<sup>e</sup> publike debts, and to settle such a fond for y<sup>e</sup> future, as may be sufficient for the maintenance of y<sup>e</sup> guarrison and governem<sup>t</sup>. Wherefore you are privately to sound y<sup>e</sup> inclinac<sup>o</sup>ns of the principall inhabitants there, upon y<sup>s</sup> great point, and if you find y<sup>m</sup> willing to give any assurance of their readiness therein you must y<sup>n</sup> endeavour to get some overtures of y<sup>e</sup> methods of rayseing such money and fond for y<sup>e</sup> future, and a certificac<sup>o</sup>n of such their consent und<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> hands of the most eminent persons for abilityes & estates in those parts; and whatsoever you doe herein or in any other particular y<sup>t</sup> relates to His R<sup>ll</sup> H<sup>s</sup> service, you are constantly by every opportunity, to send an acc<sup>t</sup> of it to me, for y<sup>e</sup> cleerer and fuller informac<sup>o</sup>n of his R<sup>ll</sup> H<sup>s</sup> and his Com<sup>rs</sup>. And y<sup>s</sup> is all at p<sup>r</sup>sent from &<sup>c</sup>

For L<sup>t</sup> Brockholes, Comander  
in Cheife at N Yorke.