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Letters of Isaac Bobin.
LETTERS

OF

Isaac Robins, Esq.,

PRIVATE SECRETARY OF

Hon. GEORGE CLARKE,

Secretary of the Province of New York.

1718-1730.

ALBANY, N. Y.:

J. MUNSELL, 82 STATE ST.

1872.
My Dear Bobin,

I HAD the favour of both Your’s of the 20th of November and 31st of May, which were not a little welcome to me, the latter I got but Yesterday. Though I was not at Dublin when the first came, I delayed but little time till I sent your friends
there the substance of it, which I am perswaded they were glad to see. I am heartily concerned at the melancholy Story of your Voyage but since it's over, cannot but congratulate You on your Arrival and the kind reception You have mett with from Your Relation there, & hope you will e'er long reap the benefit of Your going.

Warner was mightily disappointed of having a Commission in Wade's Regiment, which is since Hawley's, for the present Colonel is a Man little beloved, and One of a very odd Temper, however by chance he got One in Brigadier Borr's Regimt of Marines, to be a Second Lieutenant, which is only Ensign's Pay, they laid at Gallway when We left Ireland; I cannot but take notice to You, that for Some time before he got it, he was at a Lofs
for Your Assistance to help him out with a Memorial now and then to My Lord Lieut: which out of a friendship to You (he being one as you respected) I did with a great deal of Pleasure, but when he got his Business done, and was commanded to Quarters, did not so much as thank me or take his leave of me, or any other of Your friends abt the Office.

I came to London in April last (and as Sudden as We came before) with Mr. Budgell he is very kind to me & I doubt not but will be my very good Patron I did (as you desired) present Your humble Respects to him, which he took very kindly & asked heartily after you. Monfr Duranc is with us & gives his kind Service to You.

We had great Alteration in the Secretary’s Office since You left this
Country, for when the Duke of Bolton was there, Mr. Towers was ill of a fever about thirteen weeks, and was Several times thought past recovery, during which time I officiated in the Office for him, and when he recovered he left it and came hither, at which time Mr. Budgell put me into the Office at £30 \( \frac{3}{4} \) Annum, where I continued about a Quarter, and then he coming to London brought me with him; Since Our being here Mr. Webster (Chief Secry to the Duke of Bolton) have instead of Mr. William Budgell's acting as Secry to the Lords Justices, appointed Mr. Maddocks (a friend of his) to act, and Sent Over a Young Gentleman from hence to be in my Place in the Office; Notwithstanding this, I doubt not, but Mr. Budgell will in a short time out top Webster and all other his Adversaries.
Betty Lovell should have been Marryed to One Mr. Wallett (whom you have often heard her Name) in January laft, nay she reported herself that She was So, and went by the Name for some time, but whatever the matter was, the Match was spoil'd, She broke off with him, and was abfent for about two months that neither her Mother nor Sifters knew where She was, and Juft as We came to London, She came to Light again, and is lately marryed to One Mr. Vanderhagen a Land-fkip Drawer, with whom She lives very happily, he is a very sober man, a handsome man and a good husband, So I think after all she may be thankfull to her ftars.

Mr. Elliot is out of Business, and where I can’t tell, for I have not seen him these two Months, but if I do shall Shew him thoſe Parts of Your Letters that mention him.
I wrote to Mr. Heath about the Hats You mention in Your former Letter for him to Send you, but never received a Line from him relating to them, waiting for which, was the occasion I did not answer it sooner, but since Yours of the 31st of May came before I answered the other, I hope you will excuse my answering them both in One, which I am afraid will tire Your Patience in perusing, but since it is but seldom, that an Opportunity Serve for Our hearing from One another, I am perswaded You will pass by that fault; And I do assure You, it is my hearty Desire, that We may keep up a Constant Correspondence, and that as often as possible.

Billy Dowell is married to a Young Woman that was a By Blow of My Lord Southwell's, One of the Commissioners of the Revenue in Ireland,
who when You were there was only
Sir Thomas Southwell, I believe My
Lord gave him £3 or 400 and I
fancy will put him in some Em-
ployment in the Custom house.

I am at a great Loss here for
want of Your Company, which
would very much add to my Satis-
faction, but when I consider the
advantage Your absence from hence
will be of to You I content Myself
in some measure & recommend You
to the care of the Omnificent. I
am

Dear Bobin
Your sincere friend
& humble Servt

ANTHONY BARRY.

P. S. Since my writing this Epistle,
Mr. Budgell has desired me particu-
larly to give his Service to You which
is a Sign that You are in his fav'r.
I desire you would continue Your Directions to me under Mr. Belcher's Cover.

The \( D \): of Bolton is still Ld Lieut. & the talk about ye \( D \): of Newcastle is over.

\textit{Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.}

\textit{Long Island, O\(d\)r 4\(th\) 1718.}

Hon\(d\) Sir.

I HAVE paid Mr. Barberie The two Warrants for which I have taken the inclof'd receipt.

My presumption in going abroad too soon has been the Motive of my often thinking of what ye or honour told me; I shall take care for the future not to be so bold.

My long absence from the Office makes me very uneasy, But hope in a few days to be able to attend
it, I'm brought low my distemper having been very severe. My hand is so weak that I can't be so prolix as I could wish to express the sense of my duty as I ought to him who I hope will do me the justice to believe that I am

Hon'd Sir

Your dutifull and most
Obedient humble
Servant

I. BOBIN.

To George Clark Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Febry the 6th, 171$.

Hon'd Sir

Vpon receipt of your letter of the 28th of Janry last I went to Mr. Wileman and in regard to B
Yo\textsuperscript{r} Instructions pres\textsuperscript{f}d him for Yo\textsuperscript{r} Accot\textsuperscript{s} who gives his Service to you and beggs yo\textsuperscript{r} farther patience for they shall be ready in a few days I shall not let often calling for 'em be wanting, and fo soon as they come to my hands send 'em you.

I sent yo\textsuperscript{r} Letter to Mr. Alexander at Amboy where he is with the Governour, and dont expect him home before the Latter End of this Month or beginning of next. In Obedience to Yo\textsuperscript{r} Commands is Inclosed yo\textsuperscript{r} Quarterly Warrants w\textsuperscript{ch} till now I had not an Oppor\textsuperscript{t}unity to send.

As to Yo\textsuperscript{r} Office you need not be afraid it shall suffer either prejudice or delay, it will not Appear that ever I have been negligent in doing my duty or that ever I made a sligh\textsuperscript{t} of business relating thereto on the
Contrary have not nor shall be wanting in my Endeavours to keep business so that it run not behind hand, Nevertheless meet with small Encouragement, Mr. Alexander laying Claim to the little Perquisites I make of the marryage Lycences, but don't doubt you'll set that matter right (when you come to Town) it being so unreasonable and as I'm informed what has never been practiced by his Predecessors and which if he keeps can't propose to go the Circuits and to subsist on a Stipend of twenty pounds £ Ann. The Person that inform'd you I was at my Uncles those days you mention is under a mistake and hope you'll do me the Justice to believe it as such And that I am with great truth and Respect

Sr

Yours &c.

I. Bobin.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
February the 16th 1718.

Hon'd Sir.

BEING Apprehensive of your fear of the Small Pox in your family, have presumed to send the enclosed Remedy of Dr. Samuell Wilday which I hope will meet with your honour's kind acceptance (which if it does will answer my wish) having nothing more at heart than the welfare of your honour and family, being with great truth and Respect.

Sir

Your most humble
and most obed' Servant
I. Bobin.

I hear from Amboy that the Govr is recover'd from his late Indisposition.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
November the 17th 1719.

Hon'd Sir.

Inclosed is the Act of Assembly (which I take by the Purport of your Letter to be the Act you want) had your Letters come sooner to hand your Commands had been obey'd before this But flatter myself you'll do me the Justice not to believe any omission on my side, or that my diligence has been wanting to forward what you so Earnestly desired, I have sent by Will all the other matters you Requested, Excepting Oat meal which was not to be got in Town As to Beer Cyder &c Mr. Schuyler tells me he hopes to send the Latter End of this week, as Mr. Schuyler has sent you a Letter
to day, Will dont doubt but he has satiffyed you as to that therefore believe I need say no more on that Head.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Jany 2d 1719.

Hon. Sir

I MAKE use of this opportunity to Congratulate you your good Spoufe and Madm Hyde on the New Year ardently wishing it may be followed by many others in health prosperity and pleasure—having nothing more at Heart than the welfare of your Honour and family.

The president tells me he has received a Letter from Coll. Rutfen wherein he mentioned the Receipt of the Patent and that he shall be here in the Spring and make all matters easy on that score.
I send herewith according to your Orders by Mr. Nicolls 1 ps Brown Ozanbrigs qt 55 Ells at 18o Do Broad Garlix No 33 £4 5 12 pound of Nails Six pound Double tens and Six pound of Single tens at 10/4d pound 2 Oz of Parsely feed 1 Ounce of Cabbage Lettice feed As to Onion, Garden Beans and Savory feed I cant get but shall make farther Enquiry and send by the first opportunity.

Mr. Schuyler will use his Utmost Endeavour in getting of Oats as mentioned in your Letter. He tells me has been several times with Mr. Hooper for that Money and as urgent as possible, but has not as yet received it but so soon as it comes to his hands shall pay it where you were pleased to order it.

I shall as you are pleased to Command me call often on Mr. Wileman
for your Accounts but as the Xmas is not yet over

Cap't Goelet arrived this day from Amsterdam after a long Passage of Sixteen Weekes but has as I can learn brought no News worth your Judicious Observation, therefore I shall conclude as I really am with all due Respect.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Jan'y 21st 1719.

Sr

I RECEIVED yours of the 14th Inft to day, as to what you hint relating to the Patent I shall not be remiss in observing Cap't Jarrate has made his Return of Survey and to Day was brought by Mr. Sharpas to the Office with a Petition in Order to be laid before the Council,
but have not had any since the 24th of Dec'r last, The president having been Indispos'd but tells me he designs to call a Council to morrow, So soon as present I will take care to Execute your Commands.

it being late when yours came to hand and the bearer in haste had not time to get a Pen knife, therefore have sent you mine, wch I hope you will find fit for your purpose—As to the rest mentioned I shall use my utmost Endeavour in getting them as soon as possible.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Sr

I RECEIVED yours of ye 1st Instant by the hands of Monfr Fauconnier, and in regard thereto have promised to let him have some C
moneys by the latter End of next Week, hoping by that time to raise such a sume as may answer yours and his Expectations upon wch hee seemed satisfied I shall not be wanting to use my utmost Endeavour and diligence in perfecting the same.

The Moneys now in my hand being small could not conceive it would be of any service to offer him any at this Juncture, was the motive of my Referring it till the time as before Expressed.

I have likewise received yours of the 3d inst. and send herewith 4 doz of Coat Buttons at 4\pence doz & D\ of Waist Coat at 2\ being the smallest and best I could get, as also two Doe skins at 6\ each 12 pound of Chocolate at 20\ and two Pack of Cards 3\ it being late in the Day and the Weather bad when I received yours had not time to
get the seeds, but do design to send 'em by the next Convenience w'th the five Bushells of peas you wrote for, w'ch I doubt not but you'll find good. As to Garden Beans I have been several Places and can't meet w'th any yet but shall make further Inquiry.

As to the Children's Cloaths, your Servant as should have been the bearer of yr letter not coming near me, but sending it by Will, my Hands were tyed as to that affair, but having rec'd a note from Mrs. Ludlow signifying her want of money to be necessary, for that purpose, sent in Answer that I was sorry I could not Comply w'th her request, but that if she would buy the things she wanted I would take care the money she should be paid upon w'ch she seemed affronted, Nevertheless offered to buy them myself
provided she would let me know what she wanted, but I was not worthy an answer.

I send inclosed your Pen knife wch I got mended by the man near the Wind Mill.

Yo'r Patent met with no obstruction and is near compleated, it being now Ingroseing and will so soon as past the seal observe your directions relating thereto.

I am

Yours &c.

I. B.

*February ye 3d 1719.*

The Vessell for London is not yet failed, But 'tis thought will by the End of this week.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary’s Office,

June the 17th 1720.

Hon’d Sir.

I RECEIVED yours of the 15th by Riche this morning, I fend by him, Wine, Rum, Canary and what else you were pleased to order. Sir, Riche being in hafte and the Councill going to fett, has prevented my design in Sending you an Acc’ of the particulars I sent by him the laft Trip.

I shall use my utmost Dilligence in getting what money I can, and shall observe what you tell me concern­ing your Warrants which are not as yet signed but will be to Day.

As to News there is very little, Cap’t Smith is fallen down to the
Watering Place in order to faile for London in the afternoone, I paid him two Guineas and took his Receipt wch I inclof'd in Mr. Worsams as you Directed and put it in the Bagg at Mr. Sharpas's together with the rest of yo'r Letters. Cap't Pearce upon some words arising between him and his Lieut. has suspend'd him and Confin'd him in his Cabbin.

Coll. Rufen has been in Town, and tho' I had not received your Letter before his Departure, I acquainted him of the ill Consequences that might attend his Delaying to have the Patent of Hurly Compleated, the President did the like upon which he promised to wait on me at the Office in order to settle that affair but has left the Town without coming near me I believe the occasion of it is the want of Money.
I have not received your Fees for the Patent of Cornelius Low altho' I am as pressing as possible. Capt. Ouvery is dayly Expected from London. I hope agriculture and Horticulture thrive. I am &c Yours I. Bobin.

George Clarke Esq.

Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.

Dear Mr. Bobin

I HAVE sent ye Taylor to you and beg ye favor that you will send Mr. Reynolds for to Buy some Cloath pray let it not be Coarse, I shall be at your Office to morrow and Excuse this from

Your most humble Servt

Edwd Hyde.
Friday 1 Clock.
pray send me word if Mr. Clarke
as sent down my Bill

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.
June ye 24th 1720.

Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 20th by Riche, and send herewith by him what you tell me was wanting viz 34 & 1/2 Gallons of Molasses at 2/ per Gallon, three Gallons of Whale Oyle at 4/ per Gallon wch being scarce was all I could get. 3. Bushells of Salt at 3/ & 6d Bushell a piece of striped Silk Muslin at 5d bought at Mr. Franks.

As to Beef Mr. Schuyler promised me he would take care to send by this opportunity therefore don't doubt but he'll give you an acc.
Mr. Gatbehouse presents you his humble Duty, and defired me to acquaint you that he'll go about makeing more garden fticks and is very glad you like those he has fent, but is sorry that he forgot to Pitch the Bottoms to prevent there rotting but shall take care to do it to next ftakes he makes I shall observe what you tell me Concerning fruit when Vessells Come in.

Capt. Ouvery arrived here Yeaster-day after a Passage of Ten Weeks from the Lizard Point. The Pre-fident receiv'd a letter from Brigdr Hunter dat. 26th of March laft, in wch he informs him as he did in his former that he is perpetually recovered of his late Indispoition, and that he hopes to be here soon, but can't be punctual as to what time he shall take his Departure his private and Publick affairs taking up fo
much of his time—this is the pur-
port of his Letter as the President
tells me.

Capt. Ouvery Reports that Mr. 
Burnet is appointed Gov'r of this 
Province but what grounds he has 
for the news can't tell.

I send inclosed two Letters w'ch 
Mr. Sharpas gave me this Morning 
to forward to You I gave yo' Letters to him for Boston. Wednesday 
last a soldier belonging to Coll. 
Weems Compa. was drowned in the 
North River, by going to his Canoe 
w'ch was afloat by the Rising of the 
Tide, he was hardly got up to his 
Sholders before he Sunck, Some 
believe he was hurt by a Shark— 
others that it was the
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. Y., Secry's Office,
July ye 22d, 1720.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE receiv'd yours of the 16th by Mr. Nicholls I must Confess 'tis a Error my not sending you an Acc't of the things I send by Riche, but for the future shall be punctuall in & observing your Directions therein & for your satisfaction send now an acc't of things I sent by him last Trip & there prices as follows (viz't) a Doz pd. of Chocolate 1 lb 2/ 12 pound of soap 7/8d 1 Sive 2/ a Roap of Onions one Sh. 12p'd Tarch & Bagg. 10/6d 4 Bottles of Lime Juice 11/ 2 Barrills Lamb Black 1/ The Rum you mention I shall send by Riche with 200 of Limes I have not had 'em from
Mr. Harrison but got them from a friend, and as often as I get any will fend.

I spoke to Mr. Schuyler concerning your Fire stones being Broke, who tells me he is certain that when they were deliver’d to Riche they were all whole but was apprehensive that some accident would happen to them in ye unloading, he believing the Tackleing of his Boat was not strong enough or fit for that purpose and gave him a Caution to take care.

I received your Letter of the —— by Mrs. Grace Sewell, I fend by her a p[erg] of silk stockings at 19/6d yards of Calicoe 1/6d a p[erg] of Cizors 1/ Whale Bone 3 & to
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
July the 26th 1720.

Hon'd Sir

I RECEIVED your Letter of Yester-day pr Mr. Holland, with not a Little trouble and Concern to perceive you should think yourself imposed on by me in the charge or price of things bought for you, I should be very sorry you should suffer any prejudice or injury on that score or any other, if so 'tis not knowingly to me and is reverse to my inclination, I have been obliged some time, when my time would not permit me to take a Circuit through the Town to buy things, and yo'r occasions for 'em urgent, To Confide in Reynolds &
hope he has done me justice, as to what is mention'd in relation to Chocolate it is not to be bought und'r 22/- tho' I know as you remark I have had it at Dugdales at 20/- but he has not any left and if he had could not afford it und'r Cocoa being advanced in it's price—as to Soap and Starch if I am imposed on they were bought at one Pelletrous near Mr. Jordon's When you come to Town if you require it the man shall be brought before you to Clear that point. And as to the other things I shall do the like.

The Rum sent by Riche is 12 Gallons and is by those who pretend to understand it esteem'd to be very good, the price is 4/- 1/2 Gallon if it be not likt it it will be taken again—I bought it upon yt Condition.
According to yo'r ord'r I have paid Mrs. Stollard 5 pound and taken her receipt for the same. I have been with Joseph Latham concerning the Note of Mr. Nicholls in your favour, who tells me the money is not due before the first of May next Nevertheless if he had money in his Hands woud advance it which he will be ready to do as soon as he has sold a ship belonging to him, and says you may be assured it shall be the first paid, but seems to insist upon the reward promised. Sr I cannot conclude without begging leave to take notice of a Hint in your Letter That among Trading men I should be ill thought of. I can't tell how I might be Deemed in the Eye of my Country But very well know my Conscience void and free from any Male-practices whatsoever so that I can (if occasion be)
the better vindicate my Innocence on that Head. I return you thanks for your kind Cautions, wch I shall observe and shall ever make it my study to merit your good Opinion, and hope you'll do me the Justice to believe me to be as I really am with the greatest regard

Hon'd Sir

Yours &c

I. Bobin.

I sent by Riche Mr. Hyde Wigg the price is 4s 10d he'll take it again if not approved of at that price.

To George Clarke Esq
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
July the 30th 1720.

Sr

I have received this day your letter of Yesterdays, by Will.

As soon as it came to hand I went to Mr. Hoopers he was not at home I spoke to his spouse upon ye subject matter of yr letter relating to a Negro, she tells me they have not any negro's to dispose off, but expect some from the West Indies every Day.

Mr. Schuyler is not in Town so can say no more at present on that Head but shall make Inquiry as you direct and let you know When I find one I think may suit you wch I shall do without delay—As to what things Capt. Smith delivered me belonging (as he told me) to
Mr. *Hyde* were as follows (to wit) an Old p[r] of Britches Weaft Coat and Rugg The Rugg I made u[se] of to Rap the Burois(?) and other things I sent to the Plains, some time ago ♀ Cæsar; the other I have put in a obscure place in the Office.

I shall be punctuall in taking notice of your Commands concerning Mr. *Burnets* arrival here and will not be wanting to forward an Exprefs fo soon as I hear of his approach.

I will Endeavour to manage the best I can with *Jos. Latham*.

Capt* Moulton* ’tis thought will faile for London the Latter end of next week.

I send herewith a p[r] of gray Stockings at 10/-- which I hope will fit, if not may be returned, and shall for the future buy nothing but
upon that Condition, so y't if you should think I am imposed on in the prices know what to do, but will Endeavour to prevent if possible that trouble.

There's no news in Town but Our Dayly Expectation of Mr. Burnet, and have nothing more to add but my hearty wishes for the health and prosperity of your Family Being with all Due Respect

Sir &c.

I. Bobin.

Geo Clarke Esqr.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. York, Augst 2d 1720.

Hon'd Sir.

I RECEIVED to day your Letter of Yesterd day by the Hands of Brazier, I have been w'th Cap't Van-
brugh who arrived here on Sunday last from Barbadoes, he has brought with him four Negroes, two Men & two Women, but has only a man he can recommend as a real good slave, and believes will suit you, he understands Cookery, and knows how to wait at Table, and in all manner of Household Affairs is no stranger, he is a Lufty Negro aged about 30 years, has lived with a Gent. in Barbados who falling under unhappy Circumstances was obliged to sell him, but not for any mifde-meanour he ever Committed, The lowest price he tells me is 55 pounds ready money—otherwise will not dispose of him—as to sending the Negro up in the Country upon Tryall he seem not willing, but is ready to leave him at any Gent's House in Town as you think your friend upon liking for 7 or 8 days,
and desires your answer as soon as possible.

*Simon* the Jew dont expect his ship from *Guinea* before late in the fall

The Paper I mentioned to you was by mistake left behind but shall send it with the Chequered Linen by *Riche*.

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**Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.**

New York, Secretary’s Office,

*Aug* the 6th, 1720.

Sr

I SEND by *Riche* a Barrell of Porke at three pounds two and six pence it being scarce could not get it under, the Man I bought it off was Mr. *Painter’d* who warrants it to be good Mr. *Jonneau* had not any he could recomend 11½ yard Chequer’d Linen at 3/s £1. 14. 10½
12 Gallons of Molasses at 2/; a Bushel of Peas at 6/. I have paid Dirk Mott 3 pound fifteen shillings, and by whom I have sent 2 doz. and a half of Limes and 1 qr of fine Paper & 2 of Course.

I hope you received my Letter concerning the Negro.

Sr I beg you'll excuse my Brevity the Councill just a going to sett and Riche in haste, The President will go for Albany Tuesday next, Capt. Moulton will Saile for London the Latter End of next Week.

I am &c.

I. Bobin.

George Clarke Esq.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary’s Office,

August the 11th 1720.

Hon'd Sir

I RECEIVED Yesterdays by Riche your Letter of the 8th instant, by which I find the Negro of Capt Vanbrugh will not suit for am told as to matters belonging to the field he is a stranger having been entirely brought up to affairs of the house so have let that Drop, Mr. Schuyler who is come to Town informing me that Vessells are dayly expected from the West Indies with Negros, and shall not be slack in using his utmost Endeavours to get one he thinks may suit your purpose, therefore begs your patience till then.

The President designs to go for Albany to morrow morning. His
Majefties Ship *Kinsale* is fallen down to the Wattering Place in order to Saile for Great Britain. Capt' *Moulton* will faile very Speedyly for London.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

*August 22d 1720.*

Hon^d^ Sir

I HAVE received your Letters of the 13th and 18th instant, I send now by *Riche* a Canister of Bohea Tea at £1 14s. Candles the like Quantity as before, Cloves ½ of a Pound at 7s a Sive or Ridle for lime at 2s 3d & a piece of Diaper 12 Yards £1 14s. I could not find any in Town of a greater Quantity to the p’s except at Mr. *Barberies* where I found Lawn of 60 Yards
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to the p's but Believed that would not suit if this I have sent thou'd not be likt it will be taken again, I could not find any Garlick in Town, As to a Negro Mr. Schuyler and I Wee have used Our utmost Endeavour to get one, Cap't Hopkins has one to dispose off but Mr. Schuyler thought him off too high a price being 50 pounds the lowest and would not let go from his house on Tryall So must have patience till Vessells come in I could not persuade V. Brugh to send his Negro to the Plains I have delivered Your Letters to Mr. Fauconnier and Mr. Sharpas and pd Blake five pound as ordered &

I am yours

I. Bobin.

To George Clarke.
Hon'd Sir.

I have received your Letter of the 26th instant by the Hands of Mr. Nicholls and am glad to hear the Diaper I sent was well liked but on the other Hand sorry it was not the sort Madm Clarke intended. James Martin has been with me with the Note you mention, I have promised to pay it when due upon which one Ashton in Town has given him credit for Leather, he was at Mr. Schuyler's but did not find any Leather there to suit his purpose.

As to the Note drawn in favour of Jordain Capt. Walton upon Jordains Endorsing it has accepted it from him as Cash and is very well
fatisfied with payment thereof in Eight or tenn Days.

I shall observe what you tell me concerning the Sallary Warrants and will Endeavour if possible to fini[h with the Lawyers, but have no hopes of Compleating matters with thofe Gent's I have writt to Coll Rutfon informing him of the ill Consequence of leaving the Patent of Hurley un Recorded &c but have not heard from him since I will take care of Returning the Lottery Ticketts, and the delivery of yo'r Letter to Coll Heathcote as likewise to fend by Rich the things by you ordered

To Mr. Clarke.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, August 31st 1720.

Sr

I send by Riche 3 Bushells of Salt at 3\$ and 6d \&c., 6 yards of Ozinbriggs 8\$, 4 Ropes of Onions 4\$ 4 lb Nutmegs 6\$ Garlick which I got of a French Man from New Rochell there is little above a pound. I hope Mr. Nicholls has acquainted you that I have paid him 10\$ above what was ordered in your Last, I was backward in doing it but as he press me to stretch a point dont doubt but he will do me the Justice to tell you of the same.

I shall send you in my next an Account of what money I have paid him, there is no News in Town since my Last, I am with Respect &c.

Is Bobin.

To Mr Secry Clarke.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Sept. 6th 1720.

Hon'd Sir

SINCE my last to you of Yester-day I have received Yours of 2d in Rich, that wch came Inclosed I after Reading & Sealing Delivered as Directed. Mr. Jansen has given me the Patent of Hurly in order to be Recorded, and tells me that by the first opportunity he'll write to Coll Rutten to hasten him to Town so that matters relating to yt affair may be compleated and every thing made Easy on that score I will take Care to observe the Caution you give me touching the said Patent, as I shall always do the like in every thing else that may be hinted, I send now by Riche 6½ lb of New Tarr'd Rope inch & ½ at 7½d being ten Fathom bought at Mr. Dugdals,
As to *Albany* stale Beer I cant get any in Town, so was obliged to go to *Rutgers* where I found none Older than Eight Days I was backward in sending fuch but *Riche* telling me you wanted Beer for your workmen and did not know what to do without have run the hazard to send two Barr's at £1 16s. the Barr's at 3s. 6d ps 6j. *Rutgers* fays it is extraordinary good Beer and yt racking it off into other Barr's wou'd flatten it and make it Drink Dead, I shall not inlarge any more on this Head by reason *Riche* will inform you further what was say'd and am with all due Regard.

Sr

&c

ISAAC BOBIN.

To Mr. Clarke.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secry's Office,

Sept. 7th 1720.

Hon'd Sir

Coll Heathcote desired me to forward the inclosed and gave me a note of thirteen pounds drawn on Mr. Van Dam in your favour which he paid upon Sight. You have herewith likewise an acct of the Ship Swanseaick, and as Wee have no News in Town but what the American Weekly Mercury from Philadelphia tells us, I flatter myself my sending one by this Opportunity will meet with your kind acceptance wch that it may will be the ardent wish of him who's with Respect &c.

Is' Bobin.

I have not succeeded with the Lawyers.

To Mr. Clarke.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

Novr the 15th 1720.

Hon'd Sir

I SEND now by Riche the several particulars mention'd in your Letter of the 5th and 10th Inst. except Brass Buttons wch are not to be found in Town; inclosed is an account of the Cost of Mr. Hyde's Clothes Trimming &c, The Assembly its thought will break up Friday or Saturday next, I begg Sr you'll excuse my Brevity my time not permitting to mention ye particulars of what I send. I will be Watchfull and Carefull in all things being with all due regard.

Hon'd Sr

&c.
Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.

Novr 23d 1720.

Sir

By ye bearer hereof—I beg you will pay Six Shillings. I shall be down this week or next week foredeft Capt n Pevice as sent for me to Repair on board, I shall pay you when I am down and shall take it allwayes as an obligation done to your freind and

humble Servant

Edw n Hyde.

Elinoar Arnell ye Bearer.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary’s Office,
December 3rd 1720.

Hon’d Sir.

I send now by Riche a Loaf of Sugar Seven pound and a qr @ 2s 6d pound, bought at Mr. Loyds, I have been at the Shoemakers for Mad’m Clarke’s Shoes who tells me they’ll not be finished before Tuesday next, I have been likewise with Sonmine for Mad’m Hyde and Miss Molly’s Thimbles, they are not yet compleated but am promised them on Monday next without fail. I flatter myself Mad’m Hyde will not think my often calling for her Thimble and Miss Molly’s has been wanting. I have not as yet the forty pound in hand but expect to raise that sum by Wednesday or
Thursday next. Mr. Byerly cannot help me having been disappointed of money promised him on account of the Quit Rents—Nevertheless don't doubt to succeed otherways.

I hear Mr. Hyde has not been on shoar since you left the Town being confin'd on Board.

I hope the Roots &c may prove to content, and that agriculture and Horticulture may thrive mainly at the Plains, where I wish you, Madm Clarke, Madm Hyde and Little Famyly health prosperity and pleasure being very fincerely
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secry's Office, New York, January 4th 1721.

Hon'd Sir,

YOURS of the 30th of Decr last came to hand the 31st of the same Instant the Letter you sent inclosed I delivered to his Excellency who has not as yet given me any directions concerning the Commissions of appraizers &c. the many and frequent visits made him since the Holydays has not permitted him to consider of the same. I will as soon as I have his orders dispatch those for your County; inclosed is a Copy of John Bridges Comm. to be Surrogate I have been with Coll Depeyster in order to know when his accounts will be ready to be audited, who tells me he has not as
yet made any progress to that End, but designs to make a Beginning in a few Days, The time when they'll be Compleated cannot say. The Coll. seems under great concern.

I have received twenty four pounds thirteen Shillings of Mr. Byerly, wch Sume I now fend you by Mr. Nicholls. As to marble Tiles or there is none in Town Mr. Cuyler had some but

Isaac Bobin to Michael Kearney.

New York, Secretary's Office, January the 3d 1729.

Sr

His Excellency commanded me to fend you the Enclosed Proclamations and to signifie that the fame Be Published in the usuall manner without Delay, and further
that you forthwith send Circular Letters to the Sev\(^1\) members of the Assembly acquainting them that his Excellency will be punctual in meeting them pursuant to the time mentioned in the said Proclamations. I have nothing more to add but that I wish you a happy New Year and am with Respect

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Is: Bobin.

Michael Kearney Esq.

Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris.

Secretary's Office, New York,

Janry 5\(^{th}\) 1729.

Hond Sir

YESTERDAY in Collecting some Papers here for the file, the Ordinance for fiting of the
Supream Courts of Judicature &c
which Reviv'd that in the Brigadier's time to the first of December last, came to Hand whereupon I had the suggestion for its Revival; I therefore take leave humbly to give yo' Honour the intimation that you'll please to consider if it be of importance, that Course be taken for the continuance w'ch your Honour can only well conceive what is apposite to that purpose, with this and wishing your Honour a prosperous New Year I add that I am with all possible Regards.

Sir

Your Honours
Most humble and
Most Obedt Servant
I. B.

Lewis Morris Esq'r Morisania.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
January ye 18th 1724.

Hon'd Sir

I RECEIVED yours of the 13th Current Saturday noon last and that Day sent over, as you directed, particulars as in the enclosed. Since I have met w'th a p's of sheeting Holland w'ch I hope will prove to liking it contains—Eells at —— and now gos under the Care of Mr. Nicholls as well to be suppos'd ye other mentioned things

What of Novelty occurred is that the Royal Prince Gally, Capt Payton, from Amsterdam & Cowes in nine Weeks Passage from the latter is arrived by whom is Advice that S. Sea Stock has bin ruinous to many in England and Holland, it being
200 at that Vessels departure and would as beleved then realy fall under the Par: To particularize on one of the Distressed is that Sr Jos. Beck, an Eminent Mercht, was quite bancrupt thereby. I have heard of a poetical simile upon the Fall of this Stock In wch tho'wch succeed therein are compared to Moses passing the Red Sea, and tho'wch unsuccesful nick't in the Rear to Pharaoh's Immersion which followed. That Yatchs & Men of War were getting ready to attend His Majesties Return And that there was a probability of Peace to be concluded with Spain.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

Janry ye 26th 1727.

Hon'd Sir

His Excellency desired me to acquaint you that he has had the affair of Appraisers &c for some time under his Consideration yet cannot give Directions, or come to any Resolution relating thereto untill he sees you to discourse upon the subject matter of the same.

In answer to your Letters of the 21st and 25th Instant, I have been with Mr. Wileman who tells me that Mr. Schuyler has Executed the Deeds for your Land. Mr. Gatehouse tells me he will get ready by Easter the Pine apples for the Top of your House as likewise the Garden Sticks, he knows not of any person
for the purpose you mention. I have spoke to Monfr Fauconnier concerning a French young man who will make it his business to find one he thinks may be more to your satisfaction, and let me know thereof. I shall observe what you write me concerning Bricks.

I have paid Blake 40s according to order and promised Payment of the £10 by the time Limited in your Note Drawn in his favour, which I hope to perform tho' business in the Office is not so brisk as I could wish.

I am glad Madm Clarke upon opening the Linen likt it, It cost no more than 4s 7½ an English Ell, and bought it upon Condition if not approved of to be taken back.

I send by Blake Parsely seed and Sellery seed.

The Gov'r proposes to meet the
Assembly of ye Jerseys at Burlington the Twentyfirst of February next, I dont hear what time he designs to go from hence—but as soon as I do shall let you know.

I am &c

Is Bobin.

To George Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. York, Secretary's Office,

February ye 4th 1724.

Hon Sir

According to direction in yo' Letter of Ye'terday, I been at Mr. Wileman's for the Deeds Mr. Schuyler has Executed, but did not see him by reason of his being much indisposed with the Gout. I shall call there again and as soon as they come to hand get Mr. Schuyler
to acknowledge them and then
Record them. I have been like-
wise with Coll Depeyster who tells
he has made a step towards Com-
pleating his Acc'ts but can't say when
they'll be ready to be auditted.

I send now by Mr. Maynard a
Pound of Bohea Tea and 3 Onz. of
Sinage Red, as to a leading [line]
Dugdale has promised to make one
ready to send by next opportunity
that offers, and at the same time
will send Red beet seed. I don't
hear as yet when the Govr Designs
to set out for his Journey to Bur-
lington. My not finding Moss in
his shop therefore can say nothing
as to the Ax.

I am &c.

I Bobin.

To Mr. Clarke.
Edward Hyde to Isaac Bobin.

Sir

I MUST beg ye favor you will send young Mr. Pamerton for my Old hatt wch the Bearer hereof will Bring; I ask pardon for putting you to this Trouble but am Certain Mr. Bobin will forgive his

Most humble Servt

EDWD HYDE.

Phoenix Tuesday 9 aClock.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secry’s Office,

February ye 10th 1725.

Hon’d Sr

His Excy acquainted me this Day that he designs to set out from hence for Burlington the middle of next week, and thought
proper I should acquaint you of the fame

I have paid Ten pounds to Blake's order according to promise, as like-wise four pounds to Bernardus Smith for the use of James Martin, I have nothing more to add but that I am

Sr

Your moft &c.

To Geo. Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

March the 1st 1728.

Hon'd Sir

I RECEIVED yesterday your Letter of the 25th of February laft. I have been with Mr. Phillipse for a Copy of Brigad'r Hunter's Instructions relating to Patent Officers who
has promised me a copy of the same to morrow, wch I will be Carefull in forwarding by the first Opportunity that offers with the other Copys you mention. Capt Hopkins Lottery was Drawn at the City Hall on Friday last therefore can say nothing as to the Ticketts.

This Morning about the Hour of One Coll Heathcote dyed suddenly (as is sayd) of an apoplestick fit. As theres no News worthy notice in Town I have nothing more to add but that I am &c

I Bobin.

To George Clarke Esq
May it please yr Excellency

The inclosed on Thursday last was Delivered me by a Boat Man from Esoapas for forwarding to your Excellency. Late last Tuesday Night occur'd the Death of Coll. Heathcote which was a sudden surprize to the Generality here, I use Brevity herein thinking your Excellency this Post will receive it inlarged by Mr. Harison. I have imploied the opportunity which your Excy's absense has afforded in following yr Excy's directions relating to the Office, humbly conceiving Sir that at your Return heither you will find it in such Regularity as to receive yr Excellency's approba-
tion, for I am studious of making myself worthy thereof, being with the greatest regard,

Sr
Your Excellencys
Most humble and
Most Obedt Servant
Is Bobin.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
March ye 6th 1724.

Hon'd Sir

This morning yours of yester-
day came to hand, I have been carfull in observing your directions relating to the several Letters you sent inclosed, Mr. Sharpas has undertaken the forwarding them to his friend at Boston and at the same time will mention to him the taking
the Masters Receipt, or at leaft to fend word by what vefell they goe; he does not doubt of his Correspondent's care therein and of fending them from thence to England in the first Vefell.

Sr I have imployed the opportunity his Excellency's abfence has afforded me in following yo'r Orders concerning the Office, conceiving that at his Return heither it will be in fuch Regularity as to Receive His Excellency's approbation, for I am ftudious of doing that wch I think

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

_New York, Secretary's Office,
March ye 11th 1720._

_Hon'd Sir_

INCLOSED is a Copy of Lord Godolphins Letter to Lord Cornbury to Restore Mr. Byerly as like-
wife a Copy of his Excy's Speech to the Assembly of the Jerseys.

I have paid according to yo'r order of the 28th of Febry last Six pounds fourteen Shillings to Jeremiah Smith, and in pursuance of y't of ye 10th Currant in favour of John Gilliard have bought him a piece of Garlix at four pounds fifteen shillings with wch he seems well contented.

Sr I have strech'd a point to answer demands, and as business of the Office is not at Present so brisk as I could wish therefore desire you'll give me time to Recruit, being at a low Ebb,—hope the same will be taken into Consideration for I really am with all due Regard

Sr &c.

I. Bobin.

Sr

Your Deeds are Recorded.

there's much talk in Town of
his Excy and Mrs. Mary Vanborn
the Eldest Daughter of Abraham Vanborne.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, March ye 14th 1729.

Hon'd Sir

I EMBRACE the opportunity of
Mr. Mount's going to the Plains
to pay you Mad'm Clarke and Mad'm
Hyde my humble regards and to let
you know I received yours of Yeaterday ¶ Mr. Nicholls. I will pay
him as soon as possible your Note
Drawn in his favour I shall not be
wanting in my Endeavours to find
out a Sober man to teach your
children & so soon as I succeed
therein will inform you thereof.

Mr. Wileman has promised with-
out further delay to deliver me to
morrow morning ye Papers belonging to the Office, I have been very urgent and pressing for the same, & shew'd him that part of yo' Letter relating thereto. I omitted mentioning to you in my last that I could not find any mittens in Town to suit Miss Molly. I have taken for you two Ticketts in Lake's Lottery the numbers are 35 & 36. I ardently wish success may attend them and every thing else which concerns you being with sincerity, 
Sir &c.
I. Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Esq.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. Y., March ye 21st 1728.

Hon'd Sir

According to yo' Request I now send by Blake four quire of Fine writing Paper; as to Bohea Tea I have given it to good Mr. Sharpas who very readyly accepted of the care thereof, and has likewise for you a Letter delivered me by Brasier from Esoapas for forwarding as directed,—Mr. Sharpas designs (God willing) to set out for the Plains to morrow morning about the hour of Nine.

Sr' Nothing has occurred worthy notice since my last therefore shall conclude with my hearty wishes for the prosperity of your good Family and am &c. Yours

I Bobin.

To Geo Clarke Esq.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

N. Y., Sec'y's Office,
March 25th, 1721.

Hon'd Sir

YOURS of yesterday came to hand. I very well remember what you therein mention in Relation to the Thirty pounds to be allowed you by Col. Schuyler out of his Fees on the Patents of Mr. Harison, Phillipse &c. I don't know of any Money he has received on yt score. Mr. Wileman tells me there's some money in his Hands on that Acc't and hopes to Complete the Remainder in a few Days which as soon as done will settle that affair. I think myself on the safe side as to yo' thirty pounds and should be heartily sorry thou'd prove otherwise through my neglect.
( 73 )

As to the Patent of Jeremiah Schuyler and Comp. I will fend you an acc't of the State thereof in my next and am with Respect

Yours &c.

I. Bobin.

To Geo. Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.


Hon'd Sir

I HAVE Received yours of Ye-terday to James Jordain. Inclosed is the fume of two pounds; they are the smallest Bills I could get. I have paid Mr. Nicholls five pounds in part of yo'r Note Drawn in his favour.

I can't say any thing as yet in Relation to the Patent of Jeremiah Schuyler and Comp to Mr. Phillipse K.
being out of Town, The Assembly of this Province is further adjourned to the Ninth of May next.

I am yours &c.

I. BOBIN.

To Geo. Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

Apl 22d 1721.

Hon'd Sir

I have sent by Riche 4 Barls of Beef at £1. 16/ each (Mr. De- lancey pd the same price it being the best in Town) as likewise 12 lb of Chocolate £1: 2s Hand Brush 1/ Sweeping Brush 10/; ½ a Barl of Peas 18/; with the Bar'l; 12 Inch White Pine Boards 10/; 3 lb of Whale bone 16/ If any of the before mentioned particulars Shou'd
not prove to content they’ll be taken again upon quick Return. If you approve of the Peas I will send another half Barl by Riche Next opportunity. I have not bought any Ozinbrigs by reason they ask 19d p Ell and for that which is Course, the greatness of the Price I ascribe to the Scarcity of it for want of Vessells from Europe. The Bricks and Limestone Riche Referrs till the next Trip. Riche has likewise two Roots of Coronation Pinks given by Mr. Bayeux; I send now by Anne Sheaf your Servant, 4. ou of Nutmegs, one D° of Mace and two D° of Cloves.

Sir, Since you left the town We have not had Weather to Dry Snuff nor met with the good success of getting Limes &c. but hope to succeed in both before another Opportunity offers.
Sr  Business of the Office is very Dull and nothing occur'd worthy notice since yo'r Departure hence, therefore Conclude as I really am &c.

Yours &c.
I. Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
April ye 26th 1721.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 24th Inft. relating to Ned Griffith; the Moneys paid for nursing his Child is four pounds ten shillings, being for five Months from the 24th of November last to ye 24th Inft. by which it appears he is ov'r paid Seven shillings and nine pence.
Sr I hope you have received my Letter of the 22d Inft. in which I have given an Acc of the several things sent Riche whereby you'll perceive he has been Remis in the not Delivering of the Boards, Whale Bone and Coronation Pink Roots. What else is wanting he referred ye taking till next Trip, I am with all due Regard Sr

Yours &c.
Is Bobin.

George Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secry's Office,
May ye 13th 1721.

Hon'd Sir

I RECEIVED yesteray by Tom Hill yours of the 11th Inft. and am glad the fruit met with your
kind acceptance as often as I get some will send. I am much obliged to Miss Molly for her good wish and dont doubt but her pretty Genius will soon make her mistres of her Pen.

Sr I send inclosed Mr. Nicholls Note as likewise your Quarterly Warr and three pounds in small Bills, I will Endeavour to compleat what you wrote me in Relation to the Patentees; heartily wish that affair Laye not so long Dormant—I Send now by Tom Hill two Bushells of Salt at 2½ Bush and two Bafls, they begin to grow scarce.

Mrs. Ludlow tells me the Childrens Cloaths will be ready to Try next Monday come Seven night.

Sr The Govr arrived here from Amboy Monday last in ye afternoon and return’d there ye Wednesday morning following; his making so
short a stay I did not think proper to trouble you; he is expected back to morrow, I will send \( p \) next opportunity a Copy of the Speaches and Addresses during the sitting of the Assembly of ye Jerseys at Burlington; the Assembly here is adjourned till Tuesday next. There is no News in Town therefore concludes as I really am &c.

I. Bobin.

George Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

May ye 17th 1721.

Hon\(^d\) Sir,

I HAVE paid Blake yo\(^r\) notes of ye 16\(^{th}\) of March last and the 15\(^{th}\) Inst. drawn in his favour.
Mr. Wileman paid me £15 on acc^ of the Patent of Francis Harrison & Comp^ and the patents of Philip Schuyler & Comp^ and promised me (as he has done often) to finish w^th the Patentees this week.

Sr I send you inclosed a Copy of Speeches & address during the s^ting of the Assembly at Burlington &c^a

'Tis sayd great preparations are making for the match so much talked of. Nothing of Novelty has occurd since my laft therefore conclude as I really am with Sincerity

Sr

Yours &c.

Is Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Esq^
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
June 5th 1721.

Hon'd Sir

After a Passage of Eight weeks from London arrived here this Day the Ship Beaver which brings no other news (as I can Learn) than the Death of the Duke of Buckingham, Earl Stanhope, Earl of Galloway and Mr. Secretary Craggs, as likewise the unhappy Circumstances the People of England groan under by the Conduct of the South Sea Company.

His Exq delivered to me the Inclosed for forwarding and not knowing the consequence of the same thought it my duty to Dispatch the Bearer with the same hoping my readiness will be lookt on no other than that I am with all due Regard.

L
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
June ye 6th 1721.

Hond Sir.

According to order, I have paid Walter Jones thirty Shillings and nine pence, and now send by him a pound of Bohea Tea, twelve pound of starch and a Paper of Ink Powder.

I am sorry for your misfortune in breaking the Wheele of your Chafe; But hope Madm Clark nor yourself have met with no hurt thereby, I will observe what you wrote me in Relation to Chariot Wheels, Lead &c.

Madm Hyde sent me the inclosed for forwarding. Mr. Hyde seems under Concern for his past Conduct which he has promised to Regulate
for the future. I ardently wish he may hold his Resolution. And am &c.

I. Bobin.

P. S. Wm Ellison, Mas of the Sloop Wm will Sail for London about the middle of Next Week.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

June 15th 1721.

Hon'd Sir

His Excellency has Commanded me to acquaint you that he desires you'll please to favour him with your presence here this Week.

Before yours of the 16th Instant came to hand, I sent by Riche Sixty Bushells of Lime at 1/6 £ Bushell, As to Lathing Nails and Cedar Bolts
I shall send them by the first opportunity and will be mindful of the Chariot Wheels.

Mr. DeLancy is not certain when the Beaver will fail, but Believes the Beginning of next week. Capt Smith has promised to let me know ye certainty thereof in a day or two.

Last Council Day Capt. Walter, Coll Beekman, Mr. Van Dam, Mr. Barberie and Mr. Phillipse or any three of them were appointed a Committee of the Assembly to Examin the late Treasurer’s Accounts and accordingly met at Coll Depeyster’s House on Saturday last for that purpose.

I. Bobin.

Mr Hyde is very much reformed.
To George Clarke Esqr
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary’s Office,

July ye 5th 1721.

Hon’d Sir

The members of the Council in Town being but few and Mr. Phillips declining to act upon Mr. Baker’s News of his Removal from ye Council (which his Excellency believes to be true tho’ he has had no advice of the same,) his Excellency has therefore ordered me to acquaint you that he desires your presence in Town here to act and assist in Council.

The Particulars sent by Riche are as follows. The Medicines for the Doctor; the Act sent by Mr. Hyde; Testament and Psalter 4/6; a Barrel of Brown Sugar, a Barrel of Rum; a Barrel of Molasses £3 4s 6d; 1 p
of Gun Powder 2/6d; 8 D° of Shot 3s; 3. pd of Lathing Nails 3s 3d; 64. pd of Candles £2;—a Loaf of Sugar quantity 27. pd at 18d 6p pd; 12 yds ½ of Garlix 2s 9d.

Coll. Rutsen puts one off from Day to Day Courtier like, but says that if he fail this week he shall think himself very unworthy of any favours from you for the future. I have not received from the Treasurer your Quarterly warrant ending June last. I have nothing more to add but that I am.

Hon’d Sir &c.

I. Bobin.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

Aug' ye 1st 1721.

Hon'd Sir—

I have finished with Mr. Hyde and got every thing necessary for his voyage put on Board, Capt. Downing proposes to fail to Day, the Owners would not give Credit for Mr. Hyde's Passage Money, therefore have been obliged to draw ten pounds from the Govrs fees, The amount of his Accounts is 158/15 oz New York money, wch I have reduced to Sterls and taken his Receipt for the same.

There is only gone by Riche last Trip Six Cedar Bolts The Lime he Refused to take on Board, it must therefore go by next Trip with what else is wanting; he tells me
he will be in Town the latter end of this week, The ten pounds Drawn in his favor being not yet paid makes him very surly wch I cant help. I was yeesterday at the Treasurer's who says he has none

I am yours
I Bobin.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
August ye 21st 1721.

Hon'd Sir.

His Excy gave me this morning the Enclosed for forwarding; he designs to Imbark for Albany on Thursday next.

Mr. Mount is so kind to favour me with his Care of this & Madm Clarke's Snuff Box, and to take the Trouble of a Canister of Bohea Tea, The bearer of your Letter of
the 19th not coming near me but delivered the Letter to a Soldier.

Sr I have according to order paid David Cathair four pounds. The Chaise Wheels are Ready to send by Riche; old Read dyed on Friday last. Cap Lancelot masr of ye John Gally bound to London from Jamaica was necessitated to come here, the Vessel proving very Leaky will sail for London in about Eight Days, and Capt Ouvery about the middle of next month.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary’s Office,

         September ye 12th 1721.

Hon’d Sir.

WITH some Struggle I have conquered that troublesome Companion the feaver and Ague, M
by checking it in time; I am told that at Amboy there is not one House free from that disease, some the whole family Down, and is almost as brief here; I heartily wish your good family may escape it.

Sr Inclosed is an Account of the several particulars sent now by your order for the use of Doctor Magrath; there go likewise a loaf of fine Sugar (which Cæsar left behind him when you were last in Town) at 2/3 pr. The Chaise Wheels likewise go this trip.

I have paid Mrs. Tarr fifty shillings on acct of the Note Drawn in her Husband's favour; had made her easy as to the remainder by promise where She ow'd Money to pay it in a little time which has answer'd her End.

The Genl Complaint here is a Consumption of Trade & your
Office is not without a taste of the unhappy effect of a Languishing Commerce, business being so dull that I have not for this Six Days or more cleared a vessel or taken any money in ye Office. The Treasurer says he has none in his hands and does not know when he shall, wch makes some Officers who have quarterly Warrants look with Drooping aspects fearing they will be obliged to pass the Winter upon the faith and Credit of an Honble Support without Money. The Govr is expected here the Beginning of next week.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary’s Office,
September ye 14th 1721.

Hon’d Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 12th Inft. by Peter Smith and according to order fend by Tunis Snediker the Keg filled with Lime Juice I will be mindful of Peach Stones.

Tuesday last I sent by Riche what was wanting for Doctor Magrath, and a loaf of fine Sugar with Cæsar left behind him.

The Gov’r unexpected arrived here this morning about the Hour of Six. I dont hear as yet what progres he has had with the Indians.

Sr I return you thanks for the Concern you Express for my Welfare & my late Indisposition. I
thank God I am recovered and am now in a perfect state of health. I hope your goodself and family are the like and that they may be blest with the Continuance of ye same is the fervent wish of

Sr

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
Sept. ye 27th 1721.

Hon'd Sir.

THERE goes now a pound of Bohea Tea; 6 yds of brown Ozinbriggs; four of blew Do

Sr I have been with ye Pump maker named Rich'd Talbot, who sends you the inclosed and says he Can't pretend to undertake ye making a Pump for less than 2s
Foot, for it is the usual and Customary price and yt he expects 8f Diem during the time that he shall be at the Plains affixing & setting the same, And his Charges and Expences both going and returning, wch I told I thought was some what out of ye way, therefore told him I could do nothing further before I had acquainted you therewith and know your pleasure, which as soon as it came to hand would let him know—he answered if you agreed to what he proposed he would fall upon the work forthwith and give it all immediate dispatch. Mr. Sharpas tells me he is a Master of his business.

Sr I acquainted his Excellency that you presented to him your Duty and yt your being much out of order with a Cold in yr head and a sore throat hindred your waiting on him;
he made me no answer; I repeated the same word to him a second time, he still was silent; then I withdrew.

Sr The Office is very bare of money and will not answer for what is drawn for Sundrys and as I have been hitherto obliged when I had not cash in hands to take things on yo\textsuperscript{r} Credit, and business since not having been brisk enough to answer other Demands and Discharge that, therefore People are \\textit{shy} in Delivering there goods without ready money, w\textsuperscript{ch} I know not how [to get.]}
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secrys Office,
October 18th 1721.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of ye 17th Inst. by your Negro & will leave no stone unturned to get in what money I can, but am at present very bare, being obliged now to pay ready money for what things I take up for your use; when a Sum comes to hand I shall inform you thereof with great pleasure. I have writ to Coll Rutsen & wait dayly for his answer. Mr. Wileman yesterday acquainted me that he had rec'd a Letter from Mr. Collins of Albany, date ye 4 Inst in which he presents you his humble duty and defires to be excused for his long silence and yt he will make speedy
payment of your Fees, and in order thereto Mr. Bickly has prepared a quantity of Flower and Peas to send to York to be sold so that Money may be daily hoped for. Nevertheless I will observe your Directions to Mr. Bickley.

I send now by Will a Loaf of single refin'd Sugar qt 7 pd at 1s; 6d pd; 13 yds of Duffles at 6s 3d; four yds of Swan skin at 4s; 3 Indian Brooms 1s: 2 Bibles, 18s;—they are best I could get & am sorry the Print is not better; as to Venice talk [? chalk] there is none in Town; Doctor Nicholls had some a few days ago but it is all sold to ye Ladys.

I send by Will four pounds in small Bills &c.

I am
Sr

Yours &c

I Bobin.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,
October ye 26th 1721.

Hond Sir

WILL carrys with him seven yards of yellow Taffita and as much of Blew at 10/ & 6d yard,—& ½ oz of Blew Sowing silk; if not likt will be taken again; Mrs. Ludlow tells me the yellow suits very well, and the Blew is the nearest the Patern I could get & says she can’t go to the Plains before the Beginning of next week, her hands being full of work. I have had the Happines of seeing Miss Katty yesteray Evening. Mr. Sharpas and Mrs Betty Sharpas conceiving Miss wou’d want a Night Gown I have therefore bought as much Calico as will make a double Gown
and had Mrs. Betty's advice therein, what else Miss may want I will take care to furnish. Mrs. Ludlow will make it forthwith. Miss Katty went with Mrs. Brassier in Mr. Bickeley's last night. Mr. Fauconnier is not in Town and can't Larn when he is Expected.

I will observe what you write in relation to Rhode Island Cheeses as I shall do in every thing else.

I have writ to Mr. Collins as ordered and have forwarded a Second Letter to Coll Rutsen very pressing. I expect dayly to hear from them.

I am much obliged to Miss Molly for her kind Remembrance of me, and to assure when I go to the Sweat Garden have her in my thoughts; have now sent her some.

There is no news. Mr. Haring-ton promised to give me some Limes, but has not been so good as his
word tho' often calling has not been wanting.

I am with Respect

Sr

&c.

Is Bobin.

To Mr Clarke.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, Secretary's Office,

Novr ye 24th 1721.

Hon'd Sir

I RECEIVED yr Letter of Yesterday about Seven in the Evening 'p Will and am sorry to hear Blake has proved such a Villain, I have not seen him since I paid him your note Drawn in his favour wch was Thursday last nor dont hear now yt he is in Town, therefore have forwarded with Instructions a
Writt to the Sheriff of Richmond County & will be diligent in making further inquiry after him. As to the Sashes they were not made at Smiths but at one Peacocks in the Broadway who not being at home therefore have rec’d no information thereof, but shall observe your directions relating thereto—I dont hear that he has left any thing at Riches—

Mr. Phillips and Mr. Sharpas present you their humble service and say they’ll referr the drawing Lotts till you come to Town.

I fend by Will five yds of plain fuftain at 3/; 3d but am afraid its too Corfe there is none figured in Town; if not likt will be taken upon Return I fend likewise 2 yds of Blew Duffles at 6/ 3/ yd.

I will Inquire after another Joyner.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

New York, S. Office,
Novr ye 26 1721.

Hon Sir

I REC'D yesterday your Letters of ye 8th and 15th Inst. The Sev'l Part. mention'd in that of the 8th go now by Riche Viz't a Barr'l of Sugar from Mr Schuyler; Six p'r of gloves for Mad'm Clarke at 3l a p'r 6 Sheets of Miniken pins 8l.; 12 of largest 16l.— 12 of the Middling, 11l.; 2 Small Cords & large Bedd Cord—11l.; thirty two Gallons of Molasses Jamaica the best in Town 2l. 6d. Gallon; Six q'r of Letter Paper & 6 of Copying Paper; a Masons Trowell, 3l.; Six Packs of Cards 7l. 6d.; Three Ivory Combs 5l. 6d.; 1 horn Comb 3d. If any of the prices of the before men-
tion'd particulars bought by me, shou'd be thought unreasonable or not likt by Mad'm Clarke they will be taken again upon Return—I have been Carefull 'r the Sugar and Molasses can are well hoop'd.

Sr I return you my hearty thanks for the trouble you have taken to send me my Fathers Letter, as alfo of my kinfman and am under some Concern to pceive my friends at home uneafy for want of hearing from me; however Letters have miscarried I can't tell, but as I have always had a value and esteem for my Parents therefore have never been wanting when opportunity offered to let them know of my Welfare.

Sr I have paid Blake yo'r Note Drawn in his favour for five pounds Sconlock not having Money to advance, and finding him under
necessity to buy hinges Nails &c for the use of your house; which he told me was very much exposed to Weather, mov'd me to stretch a point.

I will send what else is wanting to Riche next Trip which he tells me will be the Latter End of next week—Yo' Warrants upon Mr. Byerly are signed.

Coden has promised to bring some good R. Island Cheese for your Winter Store. I have paid Mr. Selby your note of One pound ten shillings drawn in his favour.

Cap' Smith of ye Beaver Informs that he shall fail the Latter End of next Week hoping to Eat to his Xmas dinner in London.

I can get no Money from The Treasurer, nor have not been so happy as to receive a Line from Coll Rutzen tho' I have often writ. I
have received from Mr. Collins yo\textsuperscript{r} fees out of w\textsuperscript{ch} I have paid Riche.

His Ex\textsuperscript{cy} is Expected from Amboy Sunday next. Miss Katty is very well.

The Surveyor Gen\textsuperscript{l} has not yet made any Return of ye Surveys of the Land laid out for Dr Humes & al. As to Anthony I refer to his Letter Inclosed.

Blake will Inform you concerning Cedar Bolts.

I begg you'll excuse the broken English of my Father's Letter Ill see that some Snuff be made &c.

\textit{Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.}

\textit{New York, S. Office,}

\textit{February ye 21\textsuperscript{st} 172\textfrac{1}{2}.}

Hon\textsuperscript{d} Sir

THERE goes now by Riche The Barrel of Sugar, Box of Candles, Six Indian Brooms, & Eight O
pound of Chalck. The Punch & marking Iron are not finished.

Sr Since my laft to you I have received a Letter from Coll Rutfen wherein he informs me that he has found two Mares one large about 6 or 7 years old and the other three next Spring the price of wch are fix pound each that he has likewise got one large Drawing Horfe a Black Ball above 15 hands high 5 years old at £15. That he will use his utmost Endeavour to get another to match him, but in the mean time desires my answer upon the fame. I therefore crave you’ll be pleased to let me know whether you think those prices reasonable or not, that I may thereby be the better enabled to make an answer thereto. There will be no opportunity of sending before the latter End of next week.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, N. York,

March ye 7th 1725.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yo'r Letter of the 5th Instant by Will inclosed in the Warrants you write for & as concerning Deeds all those that were in my care I fend now in the Trunk for that purpose together with those found in yo'r Scrutoire at Mr. Schuyler's as likewise Mr. Byerly's Mortgages. The Deeds Recorded are Seperate from the others and are distinguished by a Labell—I have Inquired of Mr. Sharpas and Mr. Wileman whether they had any Deeds belonging to you who told me they [had] not any. I will Endeavour to get Cedar Bolts to fend
by *Riche* next Conveyance, and Copy the Bills of the Lawyers to go at the same time.

I have given Mrs. *Ludlow* 5 yds of plain White Calicote at 5s. 6d. yard; 2 yds of plain Muslin at 9s.; a Doz. of Knives & Forks at 8s.; Thread 9s.; four Combs & Brush 6s. 6d. & 9d.; Bafs 2s. Dear Sir, I hope you'll excuse my keeping *Will* Yesterday being Called to my Relation on Long Island who had a pain on ye side and moreover the Deeds recorded took me some time to Examine. I am &c.

I. BOBIN.

P. S.

Sir.

I fend by *Will* in small money two pounds three Shillings being all I had to spare having over drawn the Governours fees as believe you're sensible.
I have paid yo' two Notes of ye 22\textsuperscript{d} of Febry laft in favour of Marias Marsb & Hester Grice.

\textit{Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.}

\textit{Secretary's Office, New York,}
\textit{January ye 10\textsuperscript{th} 1728.}

Hon\textsuperscript{d} Sir,

I HAVE been with Mr. Lane concerning the Negro Wench, who tells me he has her now in his House, and is willing to let you have her upon Tryal not doubting but you'll find her a good Slave; I will take care that she be sent by Riche.

Sr. The Report of the Committee to whom was referred your account of Incidents of your Office has been read in Council, but upon some Gentlemen opposing the confirma-
tion thereof it was recommitted, and so remains and for no other reason than that they say you ought not to be allowed for Blank Let Pafles and Lycences, which have been allowed hitherto, At the same time your Warrant for payment of your years salary out of the Quit-rents Ending the 13\textsuperscript{th} of December laft, was likewise read and laid before his Excellency for Signing, but was set aside it being objected by some at that Board, that if your Warrant passed with these Words \textit{viz.} [to be paid preferrable to all other Establishments] (which words are grounded upon a Minute of Council) they could never expect to receive their Salaries for that yours would always be accordingly paid the first, and that thereby they shou'd be discouraged in the prosecution of their Offices, thereupon
moved that a minute might be made that no more was meant or intended by the word [preferrable] than that Warrants for payment of the said Salary be always preferrably paid to Warrants upon the said Fund and the same date and be accordingly the first number of such Warrants, which was agreed to by a Majority of the Board, and Ordered that the Warrant be drawn Conformable.

Your being acquainted of these matters as well as having a view of what I am going further to observe will shew how sinisterly some people are inclin'd and in order thereto I send you inclosed the Copy of Minutes of the Committee appointed to Examin the Abstract of Patents, the first Paragraph of the second Minute I think with submission is industriously Pen'd with
an intent to reproach the Office, for the Minute there mentioned to be wanting is not of any consequence or of any greater moment than a loose half sheet of Paper with some Remarks or Observations on Patents and other Records and which was mislay’d by themselves, but the same being since found that part of the Minute is obliterated and they now seem to take little notice of the rest, Notwithstanding I further observed that towards the conclusion of the fourth Paragraph of the said Minutes they took Notice that a great many of the Minutes of Council are wanting and not mentioning what Minutes. I lookt upon those words to be General and fearfull they were couch’d with some desigh, I therefore advis’d with Mr. Bickley to know whether those words if Reported in that manner might hurt
you in your Office, who made me easy in that particular by telling me that the Beginning of the said Paragraph fully explain’d that they are old Records, that are wanting, for which you could not be answerable being that several were carried to Boston by Sr Edmund Andros.

As I have ever lookt upon those Gentlemen with a Watchfull Eye, fo shall at all times be wakefull in observing every thing that may be for ye safety of your interest being with great truth and respect

Sr

&c

I hope you’ve heard of your Trunk
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secry's Office, New York,

Jan'y ye 14th 1722.

Hon'd Sir

The inclosed Letter I purposed to send by Cap't Congreve who promis'd to call for the same but forgot.

I have received yours of the 12th instant and will be punctual in paying Mr. Kennedy's mother the sum therein mentioned.

I send by Will 10 p'd of Hops at 1s 3d, 12 p's of Kid Gloves at 4s 6d, 2 packs of Cards 3s, 12 yds Woorsted Feriting 2s 3d; 2 Bed Cords 9s; & 6 p'd of Floor Nails 5s. As to the Negro Wench I beg leave to refer to the inclosed Letter and am

Yours &c.
I am glad to hear Riche remembers the Trunk—
I have been informed by one that had a mind to purchase the said Wench about a twelve Month ago that he offered the same Sum her Master does now ask but that he then insisted upon fifty pounds.
I have paid your note in favour of Jno Henderson
The Governour goes for Jersey on Tuesday or Wednesday morning next.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
Janry ye 27th 1728.

Hon'd Sir
I HAVE yours of the 26th; that for Mr. Walpole I have taken care to put into the Greyhound News Bagg with my own hands.
I send by Will a pound of Bohea Tea at £1. 4s. as likewise a pair of blew Coarse stockings at 3s. If not likt will be taken again upon return—I went this morning upon the Market to look for fresh Fish, but did not see any. Inclosed is three pounds one shill in small Bills.

Captain Munro has a young Negro Wench to dispose off between 16 & 17 years of age born at Jamaica in the West Indies but brought up here since three years old, he is not willing to let her go upon Tryall, but will warrant her to be found Limbed and a garl that may be train'd up to any manner of business, the price is forty five pounds which he says he gave for her three years ago to Mr. Dunck, I have Enquired into her Character among those of the Neighborhood who inform me that she is a good slave.
The reason of parting from her I believe is the want of Money. Will can give some account of her, having seen her.

I will make a Copy of your last year's acct of Incidents and send by next opportunity and am with due regard

Hon'd Sir
&c

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

February ye 8th 1728.

Hon'd Sir

I RECEIVED Yesterday Evening yours of the 6th instant by Will. Inclosed is three pounds in small Bills.

I have been with Mrs. Schuyler and acquainted her with what you desired. She desires me to Let you
know that the put aside for you a pair of Gloves and a Scraff which She now sends by Will and prays you'll please to accept of the same. The poor woman seems under a great concern for the loss of her husband, I have had from her a half p's of Holland Linewn q't 26 Ells; a p's of Cambrick; 2 p's of Tape at 1/6 p'r p's; & I Ditto at 2/ as likewise a p's of brown Ozibrigg q't 72 Ells at 19d. Upon inquiry I find it is as good & cheap as those bought at the Merchants all which now goes by Will together with 25 p'd of twelve penny nails at 10d 2 1/2 £; Six long filk Laces at 1/6d a p's; Six y'ds of white Corded Dimmity at 4/ 2 1/2 yd; an Ounce of Camphire 5/-; a pint of Spirits of Wine 6/-; 12 p'd of Hard Soap. a p's of Garlix chose by Mrs. Ludlow £3. 10/-; As to Loaf Sugar there is none to be got in Town.
Sr I send you inclosed a Copy of the Address of the House of Commons to his Majesty which is lately come by the way of Bristol in a Brigantine belonging to Abraham Vanhorn. She brings little or no news; the Lords in the Tower are not yet brought to Tryal. I am now preparing his Excellency's orders to the Judge of the Pleas in ye several Countys relating to the Probate of Wills &c. His Excellency declines appoing Surrogates in the remote Countys, and as to Apprizers Mr. Harison and Coll Lurting have the power of Deputation. I am with all due regard.

Hon'd Sir
Yours &c.

I have dispatched Will with all Expedition—It is now between twelve and one.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secry’s Office, New York,
March ye 13th 1728.

Hon’d Sir

I HAVE paid yo’t note of the 12th inst in favour of Mr. Temple to his wife by whom I now send a few Oranges which I hope will meet with your and Mad’m Clarkes acceptance. I am sorry Limes are so scarce that I cant get any.

The Particulars sent by Will when last in Town are as follows Viz: Two Gross of Corks 7s; a ps of Cherconne Romacks £3; a Tin Funnell 1s 3d; 3 ps of Holland Tape 7s; a Loaf of Double refined Sugar q. 3½ at 2s. 7½; a pd of Bohea Tea £1. 4, & two Packs of Cards 2s. 6d—

I have been with Jones concerning a wigg, who has promised me
to make one according to desire against April next.

Yesterday arrived in the Evening Andrew Bisset, Master of the Snow
Hamilton, who left London the 7th of December last and the 26 follow-
ing from the Downs to Maderas
Arrived some time in January, by whom we have the following advice
That Councilor Leare was Tryed
and Condemned and that some time in January was assigned for his
Execution, but upon his proposals of making a full discovery was re-
plied for two months, and that the Lord Bishop of Rochester and
the other Lords in the Tower were
not brought to Tryal nor it was not
known when they would. I have
Enquired but do not hear of any
Letters for you and am with respect
Sr
Yours &c
Q
by Will was likewise sent in my Letter £3. 1—

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
March ye 19th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yeaster-day by Will I send now by him Ropes, Leading Lines, half a pound of Nutmegs and twelve pound of flarch. I have sent to most places in Town but Cant get Garden Beans, those that have had any have planted them, I sent likewise to Mr. Delancey who was forry you did not think of 'em sooner he having made use of all he had. There has not been any fish upon the Markets this Day—What else is mentioned in your Letter I will be punctual in observing.
Sr Mr. Harison presents you his Humble Service as likewise to Madm Clarke and Madm Hyde. He is much concerned about a Patent that appears in this Office for 3000 acres of Land on the West side of Hudsons River to the Southward of Old Mans Creek, granted by Coll Ingoldby to Wm Glincofs, Alexander Campbell and Thomas Harding. The said Patent being for Land for which he has a Grant from Brigad Hunter and as the said Patent is prior to his he is Apprehensive that he will suffer, but what gives him some hopes of a remedy is that Glincofs and others have never paid any Quit rent for said Land nor does said Patent appear upon Record, neither is it signed by yourself or Deputy. He desired me to mention it to you believing you would give him your advice in that affair.
P. S.
Sr Will, Since I finished my Letter, has got about a qt of garden Beans for wch he has been obliged to pay 9d.

_Isaac Bobin to George Clarke._
Secretary’s Office, New York,
_Apl ye 3d 1723._

Hon’d Sir.

The Chairs go now by Riche as likewise two Barlls of Long Island Beef at £1. 18. Barl, & the Box with Candles qt 63 pd
I have referred sending Lime Juice till another opportunity that which is now in Town being not only bad but deer. Vessells are dayly expected from the West Indies, when they are arrived I will look out for some that is good and at the
fame time Endeavour to get some fruit for Mad'm Clarke.

The Governor will meet the Assembly of this Province the 7th of May next according to the adjournment of that House. I have by his Order sent Circular Letters to acquaint the members thereof. His Excellency will go for Jersey the 23d of this instant—The Vessells mentioned in the inclosed Mercury now at Amboy bound for London will not fail before the Latter End of this Week or beginning of next. The Gov'r upon Information that a Malignant Distemper was raging in the Island of Jamaica, called a Council whereupon an order was made that the Ferry man at the Narrows on Long Island side and likewise the Ferry men on Staten Island do on the approach of any Vessell from Sea repair on Board
every Vessel coming in and if any of them come from Jamaica they are to forbid them to proceed further than the Watering place under Staten Island till further order.

Mr. Jemmy Morris is very bad of a Consumption in so much that his life is daily dispaired off.

Sr I omitted to mention that I likewise now send by Riche a Bar\textsuperscript{1} of Molasses q\textsuperscript{t} 32 Gal. 21d \textpence\ Gal.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary’s Office, New York,

April 17, 1723.

Hon\textsuperscript{d} Sir

I HAVE received yours of ye 11\textsuperscript{th} jnft. by Riche, I send now by him ye following particulars Viz\textsuperscript{t} five Gallons of Lime Juice at 2\textshilling 6\textpence\ Gal.; a Barr\textsuperscript{1} of Tarr at 7\textshilling 6\textpence; a
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Gallon of Sallade Oyl 12/; Eleven fathom of White well Rope, Three Bafs, Two Gross of Corks at 3/6d. I have not found any Ox Cart Boxes Suitable to the Scize you sent, but shall make further Enquiry. As to Loaf Sugar there is none in Town nor has there been as yet any Lob-fer upon Market, And in Cash two fifteen Shilling Bills one of Twenty and one of Six together with Eleven dollars, which make in the whole Six pounds two Shillings.

Sr Since my Laft there has not arrived but one Vessel from the West Indies which was from Jamaica, She brought no fruit, all the fruit upon that Island being destroyed by the late Storm they have had there; the News that a Contagious Distemper was raging there proves falfe.

When Vessells arrive and bring
fruit I will not be wanting to get some to send to the plains.

I am

&c.

I. BOBIN.

Geo. Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Apl ye 19th 1723.

Sr

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday. I am sorry I can not find any Ox Cart Boxes to the Dimensions you desire,—Walther Thong tells me he expects some Dayly from Boston.

Coll. Lurting inform'd me of a Negro wench to be disposed off by one Chaloner who is going to Live with his Family at Rhode Island,
Whereupon I went to the said Chaloner where I saw the Wench he brought with him about 3 years ago & is about twenty Years of age; speaks pretty good English, Sound Limb, understand every thing belonging to Household affairs (as her Master inform'd me). The Lowest price he tells me is forty five pounds ready money and will not let her go upon Trial. I omitted to mention that ye wench is Six months gone with Child as her Mr told me.

I am commanded by his Excy & Counl to send you the jnclosed Minute of which you are to take notice and Govern yourselves accordingly.
Isaac Bobin to Mrs. Hyde.

Secretary's Office, New York,
June ye 8th 1723.

Madam.

I HAVE received yours of Yester- 
terday by Will, & am sorry to 
hear of Mr. Clarke's Indisposition. 
I wish him his health as likewise 
all ye family.

Madam

I send now by Will 8 Lobsters 
& 27 Crabbs; a pound of Bohea 
Tea £1. 4 as likewise fifty shillings 
in small Bills. I will observe what 
you write me in relation to Miss 
Molly, and will pay Mr. Cook two 
Pistols according to desire—I am 
concern'd to hear that the thought 
of Miss Molly Dickens not being 
paid for the Silk Stockings should 
give you any uneasiness. I hope she
has not been so unkind as to ask you or Mr. Clarke for it when in Town, for I paid it her immediately after ordered, she may Remember I gave her a Pistoll and she had not change to give me; I have her Receipt which will Reconcile that matter, I give you Mr. Clarke and Madm Clarke Joy of master Hyde's recovery and am with respect.

Madm &c.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,

July 2d 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE yours of Yesterday, I have been with Mr. Chambers and received from him 44 Ounces and a half of Plate I send by Caesar a Testament and Spelling Book as likewise some Lobsters.
We hear from Albany that Coll John Schuyler has been discovered to Trade with Canada.

I. Bobin.

George Clarke Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, NEW YORK,

July ye 12th 1723.

Hon'd Sir.

I RECEIVED this morning your Letter of Yefterday, & will observe what you write now concerning a Welsh Dairy made, as well what you mention relating to Allane Jarret. Lawrence has never spoke to me about any maid.

I will Enquire of Cook to day when Miss Molly's month is expired and pay him. I send by Will 32 Gallons of Rum at 3s. 3d.
I have paid Molly Sheppard four pounds.

As to Mr. Byerly's Mortgage I believe 'tis among the Deeds I sent you according to the desire of your Letter of the 5th of March, 1723.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,

July ye 17th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 13th inst. what you observe therein concerning Mr. Byerly's Mortgage is very just, for upon second thought I remembred I had it from you and gave it to Mr. Wileman (who now has it) in order for to make oath to the Execution of it, which he has not as yet done, but has promised me to do it out of hand
this week. I will not be wanting in often calling upon him till it is compleated and then Record it.

I have spoke to Lawrence who tells me he has not as yet heard of a Maid, but will use his utmost Endeavour to get one,—Allan Jarrett is not yet arrived.

I have delivered your Letter to the Treasurer—I have paid the Bearer your Note in his favour.

Mr. Boelen, the Dutch Lawyer, who is concern'd for the Persons naturaliz'd complain'd to his Excellency that I inSifted upon twenty shillings for each Person named in the Act whereupon his Excy sent for me and told me he would have no other fees taken than such as were directed by Ordinance, for tho' there was several Persons named in the Act Yet it was no more than one. I observed to his Excy that
when the Committee met upon that Act they were of opinion that each Person named therein in paying 20/ to the Secretary was but reasonable; he said he had nothing to do with their private opinion and with some heat say'd, you had never acquainted him of it, and moreover he lookt upon yt demand to be an Exaction, and that I might acquaint you of the fame.

I will observe your good cautions and any . . . . . . Coden brings news from Rhode Island yt twenty three of the Pyrates are Condemn'd there, one ordered for Execution, Capt. Solgard was to fail from there Sunday last.

 Inclosed is four pound.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.
Secretary's Office, New York,
July ye 19th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterday that you therein mention of Saturday last did not come to hand before Wednesday last, and to which I then sent you an answer by Guyon Nesbit, The substance thereof being that Mr. Wileman has Mr. Byerly's Mortgage in order to make Oath to the Execution of it. 

That I have spoke to Lawrence who has promised me to use his Best Endeavours to get a Maid Servant for you.

That I delivered your Letter to the Treasurer.

That the Governour will not allow any more fees to be taken or
received for the naturalization Acts than what is directed by Ordinance, and now in consequence of yours of yesterday I have been at Mr. Laws to acquaint him that Will had lost the Letter from him to you but he is gone out of Town.

The Treasurer desires to be excused from writing by this Opportunity by reason he is now very busy making up his accounts.

I have paid John Smith forty shillings and send inclosed in small Bills four pounds.

The Acts of Assembly now past I believe will be sent home by the Snow that is expected dayly here with Franks.

Yesterday in the Evening arrived here from Bristol after a Passage of Nine weeks I do not hear that she brings any news.

S
Ripet is likewise arrived from Barbados but has brought no fruit.
I am with respect
Sr your &c.
I Bobin.

Miss Molly is very well.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.
Secretary's Office, New York,
July ye 27th 1723.

Hon'd Sir
I HAVE received yours of Yester-day; according to your desire therein I have been with the Treasurer who tells me his Accounts will be ready for you on Thursday or Friday next.
Inclosed is four pounds in small Bills.
I send now by Will two p'r of
Traces @ 5s. 4d.; Leading Lines 3s. 4½d.; twelve pound of starch 6s.; Three Yards of White filk Galloon 1s. 6d.; Padlock and staples 3s.

I have writ this morning to Mr. Thos Dongan by an Opportunity that offered for Staten Island.

I will mind Lawrence of what you write me concerning a Dairy Maid and Red Clover seed.

Capt. Solgard arrived here on Thursday last; after Careening his ship he designs to take another Cruise,

Capt. Farratt is not yet arrived.

I. Bobin.

Mr. Clarke.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
August ye 1st 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received your Letter of Yesterdays by Will, and send now by him a Barre of Beef at 37 f. 6d bought at Mr. Jay's. I am Inform'd by the Packers 'tis the best in Town, Mr. Jay says he'll warrant it to be good, I send likewise the Candle Box with Candles qt 75 pd at 7½ d pd as also a Bits-worth of Allum; The other things I will send by Riche; every thing bought for your use is with this Caution if not likt either as to 'tis price or goodness to be taken again; this I do to prevent deceit, and will observe the hint you give me concerning
Mr. Alexander. The Galloon I sent last was not bought there, but at Mrs. Stillwells, who upon writing to her about the Extraordinary price of the Galloon sent me the inclosed answer and says she pays half a bit a yard for it at the Merchants by the p's and that all she had left she sold at the price of that she sold you.

I have paid Elenor Carpenter your note in her favour.

I am glad to hear you have received no damage from the storm we have had last Monday it has done considerable to the Docks.

The inclosed Letter I believe to be from Mr. Thomas Dongan in answer to what I writ him.

The Treasurer's Accounts are ready.

The Master of a Bristol Vessel has been so kind to present me with
a Bottle of Capers which I desire you’ll accept from Sr
Your humble Servant
I. Bobin.

Geo. Clarke Esq.

**Thomas Dongan to Isaac Bobin.**

*Castletown, Aug 17th 1723.*

Sr

I WAS favour’d wth yours this Morning relateing to Mr. Clarke’s affairs and herewith send him an answer. I should be glad if leisure did permit to have the satisfaction of seeing you at my House, and shall be allways proud if any opportunity offers wherein I can shew my sincere acknowledgm’t of the favours conferr’d by you upon Sr
Your oblig’d humble

Serv’t

Tho’ Dongan.
Isaac Bobin to Robert King.

Secretary's Office, New York,
Sept ye 11th 1723.

Sir

Mr. Secretary Clarke being in want of a Negro wench & I having had advice from Mr. King that there is one to be sold at Amboy on a months Likeing, before I mention it to Mr. Clarke I should be glad to know the reason of her being sold and whether upon Enquiry you may think she is fit for service and that no ill qualitys attend her.

Sr. I have very little acquaintance at Amboy is the occasion of my giving you this trouble desiring you'll be so kind to make such an Enquiry and to let me hear from you concerning ye fame so soon as
conveniently may be; I must confess I can't conclude without blushing for my freedom herein.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.
Secretary's Office, N. York,
Sept. 14th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

Since my Letter to you of Yesterday by Riche I have received yours of the same day. All the things mentioned in your Memorandum are a Board of Riche. Riche not being gone Will takes the small things with him. Mrs. Schuyler now sends a p$ of Shalone, a p$ of Muflin & a p$ of Linen Silk. She advises me to acquaint you that she cant get a p$ of Druget in Town to match the shalone under forty yards.
The weather not being settled, I have not ventur'd to fend the Papers.

As to Miss Molly's Trunk & Mrs. Congreve will take care to fend in such order as they may goe safe. Mr. Cook says the Spinnet must not go till the Weather is better settled, & ye he will tune it and Quil it as likewise set her some Tunes. Will informs me of Madam C—— being brought to Bed of a girl of which I give you Joy and am

The Council will set to Morrow, in order to sign ye quarterly Warrants & to receive ye Report of ye Computation.

The Gov'r has named the present Mayor & Sheriff of this City to be Mayor & Sheriff for the year ensuing; he has likewise made no alteration at Albany in the Majestrates; will go for Jersey Monday next.
I have sent a few Limes wch I desire you'll please to accept with my hearty wishes for Madm Clarkes recovery, I am glad Mr. Riggs prevailed upon Mr. Brown to go with Will and am with all due regard.

Sr Yours &c.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

SECRETARY'S Office, NEW YORK,

Septemb. ye 15th 1723.

Hon Sir

THERE goes now by Riche (upon whom I could not prevail to go sooner) a Barrel of Beef £1. 17s. 6d; a Qr Cask of Wine @ £6; twelve pound of hard Soap @ 6s; twelve p'd of Chocolat £1. 1s; two Barr's of Beer a p'd of Bohea Tea @ £1.; Six q'r of writing
Paper. *Will carryed* with him from Mr. *Lanes* four Bottles of Brandy with a Letter from Mr. *Lane.*

I have not sent Miss *Mollys* Spinet, Mr. *Cook* telling me it would be spoilt if sent in wet Weather; he has promised me to Tune it to day or to morrow; the Frame &c referred till another time by reason of ye weather.

Yesterday I laid before his Excy in Council according to order the Treasurers Accounts, together with your Computation of the Auditor's fees for Auditting the same. Whereupon his Excellency referred it to the Gent. of the Council or any five of them to Examine whether the Computation of the Auditor's Salary be right, I acquainted him with ye Reason of your so suddenly leaving the Town.
Robert King to Isaac Bobin.

Perth Amboy, Septembr 24th 1723.

Sir

Pursuant to Mr. Thomas Dunckans request have inquired for a Negro Wench whither she may sute Mr. Secr'y Clarks Service I know not—

but that she hath bin in this Country ab' three years hath a healthy Like man Childe of ab' Eight mo: ould; I believe will be sould for 50 or 51/ her want of being well taught is the only objection I make she hath but Lately faln into proper hands was my servant near two years, the dutty Negros are subject to at N: York I find will make the owner scruple sending her in case it be required untill that be Clear'd, tho' tis likely
that doct'r Hume p'd it when he imported her w'th other Negros pleas to favour me with your an-
ware that I may Let the owner of the Serv't know, with my most humble respects to Mr. Clarke,
Sir Your most Humble Serv't
ROB'T KING.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Sec'y's Office, New York,
September 3d 28th 1723.

Hond Sir,
The Drugget &c. from Mr. Schuyler is ready to go by Riche as well as Miss Molly's Spinnet. Mr. Cook promised me some New Tunes for her but is gone without giving me any.—
I have not heard from Amboy about Mr. King's Wench but will write again.
I have been with Mrs. Vernon concerning Windiford's Negro Wench, who tells me she must have a further Tryall of her before she can give her Opinion; The Wench goes there again Monday next for further Tryal.

Coll. Lurting has not any of your damnifyed flannen left, Mr. Lane informs me that he has sent Mr. Chifwells Bills for you by Mr. Bickley.

Franks informs me the Vessel he came in from London will not fail for that place before the middle of next Month. I have paid Mr. Brownell for Miss Molly's schooling as likewise for Six Balls of Gold & one of Silver Thread for Miss Molly, at £1. 6s. which I send now by Mr. Winman the Upholsterer. The bearer being impatient to go will give me time to add nothing more.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
Octobr ye 1st 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yeft erday by good Mr. Bickley, and will be carefull in fending Miss Mollys Spinnet &c by Riche, with the other things you write for.

I have writ again to Amboy.

Sr Upon hearing that Doctor Dupuy had a Negro Wench to dispose of I have spoke to him concerning her who tells me the Attorney General and some others are about buying her, but you shall have the preference, he is willing to let her go upon Tryal for a Month, not doubting but you'll find her a good slave, She is about Nineteen and twenty Years of age
brought up in his Family from an Enfant, he will not take less for her than fifty five pounds. Mrs. Harding sent a White woman Servant to me with the inclosed Note who says She is willing to serve you if you have occasion, That she understands any thing belonging to Household affairs \textit{y\textsuperscript{t}} she and her husband is come from Boston where they had a small Settlement in the Country but the Indians having destroyed which reduced them to look for a livelihood, her husband likewise offers his services if you have occasion, he tells me he has been brought up to Agriculture Husbandry and that he likewise understands Weaving, They are people about thirty years of age Sturdy and strong and seem well made to work—

I have spoke to Lawrence con-
cerning the Clover seed who has promised me very faithfully to bring it next Trip—

As to the Lawyers Accounts Mr. Wileman has taken the Minutes of the Supreme Court from me in order to make them out, he shewed me that he has begun upon them, and says that he will set all business aside to Compleat them, I told him that he had so often made such promises that you had no hopes of his ever compleating them, and that I would do them, in Answer to which he told me no one could do them so well as himself they having been taken in his time, and yet he should be as uneasy as yourself till they were done.

Since I writ this I have received yours by Will, and send now by him — of Candles, an hour Glass 1s 6d a pound of Bohea Tea £1;
half a hundred of Gun Flint \(2s 6d\) and four yards and three Nailes of \(\text{yd}^d\) Wide Flannen, \& \(8\) p\(d\) of Hops. As to Hemp Seed I have Enquired of Capt Searl who tells me he has not any, nor does not know of any in Town, but that he has writ to Jersey for some and if he gets any will spare me as much as you desire. As to Miss Molly's musick it will go with the Spinnnot. The things from Mrs. Schuyler go likewise with Will, Mrs. Schuyler has thought fit to send the whole piece of Drugget and what remains she take back.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secry's Office, New York,
Octobr ye 16th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I have received your Letter of yesterday and have paid Nurse Parker five pounds and send inclosed in Small Bills, three pounds.

The several sundarys sent by Will are mentioned in the within memo. with their prices. I have ventur'd to buy a pair of stockings over and above the number mentioned in your Letter Will telling me he is very much in want of a pair, and that he had forgot to speak to you otherwise they wou'd have been mentioned in the Letter. As to ye scales &c. they must go by next Opportunity the Man not having got them ready according to promise.
The ps of Linen from Mrs. Schuyler I am afraid is too Coarfe but she tells me she has no other yt comes near the price you defired as yt now sent yt price being £3. 8/. her Family is very much out of Order and defires to be excused if she cannot doe as she could wish.

Mr. Kennedy tells me the Quit Rents come in so slow that he has very little Cash in hand but if 9 or 10 pounds will be of any service he will advance it on Credit of the Warrant.

Bradford has not any of Lillys Accedences or Accedences and Grammars, but expects some dayly from Boston as well as Philadelphia—

The Letters you sent to the Treafurers I have Copy’d seal’d and delivered to him, who tells me he is indisposed with the Feaver info-much that he is not able to take
Pen in hand to make answer to it but so soon as he is better will.

The Clover feed goes now by Will as likewise Mr. Dupuy's Negro Wench, I could not prevail upon her master to give her two Blankets so have bought her a couple according to order, he has given her a pair of New Shoes and Stockins.

I understand she does not want for Close, she is unwilling to be sold, and her mistress as unwilling to part from her, which makes the Dr' afraid she'll be stubborn and say she can do nothing but desires you'll not believe her for she can do every thing belonging to a House, except milking a Cow, She has liv'd some time with Mr. Nicholls the Post Master which made me Inquire of him as to her Character who tells me she is a Wench knows the business of a House, but that who ever
buys her must have a watchful Eye over her otherwise she will be apt to Idle her time. I have enquired at other places where she has liv’d but do not hear an Ill Character of her, I hope she may answer to Expectation.

The Vessel for London will fail next week.

I can’t get any Spanish Tobacco but have sent all I had in the Office and am with respect

Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant

I Bobin.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
Ottob yer 21st 1723.

Hon'd Sir

At the request of Mr. Haskoll I send you the inclosed by the bearer (who is paid for his Journey by the Governour) —

I send you by this opportunity Mr. Byerlys Bond & Mortgage which I have Recorded and Examined.

Cap't Solgard arrived here yesterday from his Cruise.

I hear they have done very little as yet in Jersey. That since the Governour has been there they have had but one Council, and the Assembly have Resolved to strike Bills of Credit to the Value of forty thousand pounds the one half to be Proclamation and the other half to
bear the Credit of New York Currency; the whole to be sunk in 20 years.

I met last Saturday Andrew Johnston who told me the reason of not answering my Letter was his coming to Town that he had enquired as to ye Ch. of the Negro Wench to be disposed of at Amboy, that he is informed she is stubborn & not very active at her work, that she belongs to one Harrison who was formerly Sheriff of Amboy, and the only reason of her being sold is the want of money—The price he tells is Seventy five pounds for her and her Child about four years of age which I look on to be a very extraordinary price, especially for one that has not being long in the Country, and knows but little as he tells me. I hope Dupuy's Wench will please Mad'm Clarke, so if you believe she
will not do I should be glad to know that I may Inquire further and am

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
Ottob. ye 29th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yester-day by Will and send now by him the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed Memorandum, The other things I will endeavor to get ready to go by Riche.

I have inclosed four Pounds, & have given Will 22s. to buy a Hatt at the Ferry for your Carpenter.

The bearer arrived here Saturday last from London after a Passage of Six weeks— The Sunderland was to follow him in Six days after he W
Sailed, and the Ship *Samuel* in ten, Captain *Symes* is Confirmed as like-wit *Blood* who is Commanded up to *Albany*, and young Mr. *Riggs* is to take his Post here—As to News I beg leave to refer you to ye inclosed Papers which Mr. *Delancey* has been so kind to give me.

The inclosed Letters I received from Mr. *Nicholls* except one which I believe to be from Mr. *Dongan*.

*Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.*

*Secretary's Office, New York,*

*November ye 13th 1723.*

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of Yesterday by *Will,* I have been at Dr. *Dupuyts* but have not seen him but expect to see him some time to Day I will then mention to him
what you write me concerning Mary, I believe it will be necessary to take a Bill of Sale for her when the Money is paid.—

Capt Low won't Let the Boy go on Tryal.—

Meffrs Schuyler and Van Brugh tell me they can not now inform me of what you desire but will be particular in sending an answer by ye Post to every thing after they arrive at Albany, The Deed they have carryed with them in order to be Executed there by Coll Jn° Sylvester. I inclose you Mr. Van Dams Memorandum of the Account relating to Schobare those Gentlemen have been very Extravagant in their Account, in one Article they charged twenty five pounds for yt Expence and fatiague of their Voyage from Albany, which Article is struck out as well as some others which Mr.
Van Dam look’d upon to be very Exhorbitant. Mr. Kennedy has paid me £15. on account of your Warrant of Incidents which sum is inclosed, and he was just then going for Amboy so that he had not time to fill up the Blanks in the Account of Mr. Walpoles Horse.

I have received from Mr. Bickley 44 Ounces & a half of Silver at 9s 6d Ounce.—The Beaver will fail the twentieth of this Instant—Bradford has not yet got any of Lillys accidents or Grammars he has promised to let me know when they come. As to flax I have not yet inquired for any Expecting that Mr. Dongan in his Letters to you might have given you an account of some, but have sent £1. p'd for present use. I will now Enquire for that as well as Hemp feed I cannot get any Spanish Tobacco.
good enough to send now, but will fee further against next opportunity.

The ship Sunderland arrived here monday last, after a passage of 7 weeks from ye Lizard Capt. Symes is come with his Commission for Captain; the King was expected home ye 2d of October.

There was not any Letters for you in the Post Office; that for Madm Hyde I had from Mr. Nicholls.

Mr. Cook has sent several Wires that Miss Molly may take which she thinks will suit Best, he tells me that he is very sorry Miss has left the Town for that she will forget all she has Learnt; he proposes to go to the Plains some time next week, but says he can't confine himself to the Country above a Day; he desired me present his humble services to yourself Madm Clarke Madm Hyde and Miss Molly,
Molly Decan desired me likewise to mention yt she Joyns therein. I send now by Will with the other things mentioned in ye jnclosed memorandum a few Limes which I hope you'll accept from Sr
&c.
I. Bobin.

Mr. Clarke.

G. Denne to Isaac Bobin.


Kind Sr
I RECEUED yours dated octr ye 30: I mett with the doctors man & beats together I Red. that Letter to beats as you writte to him & also Repremanded him ffor Giuen the Doctors Land an ill Report; he has promised me that he will not
doe soe no more for the time to come the doctors man was very well satisfied and told to me that beats would go off without any further trouble Sr I shall always be Redy to serve you or yours when I have Rewued soe many favours from & hope I shall Liuee to make you amends for, which I have not yet done.

Sr I now make bold to trouble you with a Line or to for to lett you know that our good neighbours haue been a plotting against me again there is that white Lookt Gent John Everett and duning has made it theire hole busnes to lett Justice Alfup and my selfe at uarence which is at a very hie degree & alfoe against Judge Blagg & old Mr. Clowes Sr I pray pardon me for it is to Long to much for to give you the hole acompt but If you should
see Judge Blagg he will in form to you the hole matter Sr my service to your selfe & to Doctor Dupuy & to my Good friend John Chambers whoe is with Respect
Your friend & humble servt
C. Denne.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.
Novr ye 22d 1723.

Hon'd Sir
I HAVE received yours of the 18th jnft, and am glad to hear you have hopes the servant I sent will do; after copying and sealing Lawrence Smyth's Letter I have sent it under Cover to Mr. Andrew Johnson desiring him to forward it; all the Papers you sent me I send now back by this Opportunity fairly Copyed and Examined.
The Letters you sent for England I have put into the Beaver’s Bagg.— The Treasurer continues much indisposed so that he does not know when he shall be able to get his Accounts ready—I send herewith 20l of 22d nails and fix qr of Copying Paper. I will observe what you write me concerning Mr. Van Dam, When Riche comes I will fend by him The Candles and Chocolate and the Charrot Wheels if they be ready. I am Sr &c.
I. Bobin.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Off., N. York,
November ye 27th 1723.

Hond Sir

I SEND now by Riche a Box of Candles and am sorry those I sent before of Mrs. Smiths prov'd so bad, those that go now I have bought at one Peltreau where I was inform'd they were better. As to the Chocolate it is so dear I have not sent any the lowest they ask is two and nine pence the pound and that but very indifferent Cocoa being sold at 10 & 11 pounds the hundred.

Sunday last arrived here the ship Samuel from London the 23rd of September and from the Downs the 29th It is Believed she will sail from hence in about 10 or fourteen days the greatest part of her loading
being ready — Mr. Sharpas presents his humble Service to you and Madm Clarke as likewise to Madm Hyde and Miss Molly in wch I beg leave to Join and has desired me to send you the inclosed Political states for the Months of July and August last.

The Treasurer continues still indisposed.

We are not yet upon any certainty when the Governour will come from Jersey.

I have not yet heard from Mr. Smith of Amboy.

Yours &c.

I. Bobin.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,

Dec. 5th 6th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I t was last night before I rec'd yours of the 23rd past by Riche—I have sent you the Papers therein mentioned fairly Copyed by Mr. Lawrence which I hope you have received.

Mr. Wileman tells me has near compleated the Lawyers acc'ts I send now by Riche a pound of Bo-hea Tea £1. 9s. an ou of Blew fewing filk 4s. 6.

The Sunderland is bound this Trip for Jamaica, We have no other Vessell going for London but the Samuel which will fail the Latter End of next week.

Mrs. Patty Ludlow having not
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time to go with me to buy ye Huckaback you write for and Riche being in haste to go it must therefore be sent by next opportunity.
Coll Riggs desires me to present his humble service to you Madm and Madm Hyde.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
January ye 7th 1723.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of the 4th Instant, and send now the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum.

The wine I hope you'll find good—it is bought of Jn° Vanborn where Mr. Sharpas had is, I cou'd not prevail upon him to spare a Hog'head—
George Burnet has not any Blew Stockings at 9s. a pair left, but has sent two pair of Blew at 10s. and the Purple and Green @ 9s. as likewise a pair of coarfe @ 6s. he is willing not to be paid for them before he knows whether Madam Clarke likes them. I send you Mrs. Schuyler's Accounts and the Key of the Trunk, The Enrollment of all the Laws since the Governours arrival is perfected & I will observe what you write me in taking a fair opportunity of getting a Warrant for that Service as well as for Incidents and the Rent Roll.

The Govr & Council has appointed Dr. Colden Surveyor and Commissioner with Mr. Harison Coll Provost and Mr. Jansen or any 3 of them to meet on the 1st Tuesday in February next at Rye, the Comrs to be appointed by Connecticut for
running the Line between this Province and that Colony. 
I have given Will Eighteen pence to pay for mending Molly Shepards shoes.
Mr. Wileman tells me he has near finished the Lawyers Bills and is now going on in order to compleat them.
Mr. Kennedy has paid me the Ballance of your account which I send herewith together with the Receipts you desire, and a Letter from him. Inclosed is a Letter from England by the way of Boston, The Vessel arriv'd brings no news worthy Notice.
I send inclosed the Boston & Philadelphia Papers of last Post.
The Smith ye mended your Jack was employed by one Robin a Brasier to whom Will gave it for mending, the Smith is gone to the Country
and the Brasier tells me he paid him 6s. for mending of it but that since it so happens ye it will not doe he will not charge it.

I have not heard from the Man that promised me the Flaxseed. I will Enquire further.

I heartily wish you a happy New Year and many others with Madm Clarke and your good family. The Guns go back mended as likewise the Jack, I am

Yours
I Bobin.

Memorandum of Sundrys sent by Will January ye 7th 1724.

12 lb of hard Soap at Peltereau Senr £0. 6. 0
1 lb of Bohea Tea at Mrs. Kierleds o. 19. 0
1 Quarter Cask of Wine at Mr. John Vanborne 7. 0. 0
A pair of white Girls shoes £0. 6. 0
Negro shoes o. 5. 6
Tacks o. 2. 0
Yest o. 0. 9
Five pair of stockings from
George Burnet 2. 4. 0

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.
Secretary's Office, New York,
March ye 3d 1723.

Hon'd Sir,

I have received yours of the 13th past by Riche the several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum go now by him, The doz. of Bos Combs and Comb Brush Mrs. Clarke was so kind to take with her. I can not meet with a pair of kidd gloves of a size fit for Miss Molly, nor a large kitchen knife; I have sent all the silk I could get near the Pattern sent.

Y
I will Enquire for Garden Beans and speak to Mr. DeLancey for some Goosberry Trees.

I send you a few Limes which I desire you’ll please to accept. I have put ’em in a little Bagg and seal’d it to prevent Riche taking toll as he calls it, & have ye promise of more to morrow with some Oranges which I will put aside again to next opportunity of sending.

Mr. Bickley and Madm Bickley are come to stay at their House in Town till after the Supreame Court, Mr. Bickley being very weak but is now upon ye mending hand, they both present their humble service to you and Madm Clarke as likewise Miss Hyde. I have written a third letter about the Flax—
A Lift of Sundarys sent by Riche March
3d 172½ viz'

Three pound of Chocolate £0. 7. 6
One yd of stuff o. 2. 6
One oz & ½ of Sowing silk scarce wt but is all that could be got
31 Gal. of Molasses @ 1f. 10d 2. 16. 0
pound of Bohea Tea o. 18. 0
Three sheets of Minikin Pins o. 3. 0
Three Blue Laces o. 5. 0

If ye prices of any of the above particulars are not liked they will be taken again.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S. Office, New York,
March 14th 1729.

Hon'le Sir,

I have received yours of ye 10th Instant by Mr. Lawrence and am glad the little fruit I sent met with your kind acceptance. I send you some Tobacco.

I have sent you a Tast of old Burnets Tea at 8s. a pound its some that he bought at Vendue & I am informed is damaged, brought here by Hickford the Privateer, I am sorry Mrs. Bergen has disappointed Madam Clarke, but I will Enquire else where.

The Coach maker has better than half finished the Wheels, and tells me they had been done before now
had not one of his Men fallen sick but will see to get them done out of hand.

I send you inclosed five pounds in small Bills, We have had two very dead quarters for business of the Office but hope it will be brisker. I send you some Salecia Lettice seed, Cabbage Lettice seed, and Sellery feed as much of every sort as I could get, as likewise five quarts of Beans, being all the Man would spare, having promised some to Mr. DeLancey.

Mr. DeLancey tells me the Gooseberry Trees are ready at half a hours warning.

Inclofed is a letter from Mr. Phillipse concerning Mrs. Hegeman. I have omitted to acquaint you that the governour approves of your thoughts of admonishing Mr. Phillipse the Dissenting Minister and
directed me to send him a Letter of admonition accordingly.

Mr. Bickley last night was taken with a Bleeding of the Nose, but is better to day, he purposes to pay you a visit after a Supream Court is over and stay for some time retired.

I am sorry to hear you have sprained your hand. The Governor will go for Jersey the Beginning of next Month.—I am &c.

I. Bobin.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
June the 8th 1724.

Hon'd Sir,

I have had the happiness of seeing Madam Clarke and receiving her Commands—She has had Six pounds and Miss Molly four Dollars.
I will observe what you write me concerning Cook; Miss has been so kind to promise to let me know the Day she begins.

I will endeavour to get such Cyder as you desire—

Madam Clarke has a pound of Bohea Tea, as to Ink powder there is none in Town.

I send you inclosed the Votes from the first of this instant to the fourth; a Committee of ye House have since reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find that the Colony on the 13 of this instant will be in arrear the sum of £3721. 15. 7½ 'tis believed they will go upon the Jersey project in raising of Money to the value of one hundred or four score thousand pounds this is what they talk off over a glas of Wine at the widdow Post's, but nothing as yet has been
motion'd in the House relating thereto.

They will strike New Bills of Credit in the Room of the old.

I will be careful in giving you timely notice of every thing that may be in agitation.

Ludlow tells me it will be a fortnight or three weeks before there will be any business for the Council.

I have done what you desired concerning Sarah Tudor.

Johnson for Holland fail'd this day—

I am &c.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

S. OFF New York,
June ye 18th 1724.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received yours of yester day by Caesar, The Chariot Wheels and Boards are ready to go
by Riche I will in the mean time get the Lynseed Oyl and what else is wanting, as to Cyder I cannot find any in Town that I dare venture upon. There goes now by Caesar twelve pound of Soap and pair of Childs shoes with four pounds four shillings in Dollars—

The affair of Mr. Dublois I will see to adjust.

Miss Molly is very well.

Madam Bickley yesterday proved Mr. Bickley's Will.

Myndert Schuyler Yeasterday took his place in the Assembly in the Room of Hansen; he tells me he intends to pay you a visit next week having something to offer which he believes will be very much for your and his advantage.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,
June ye 27th 1724.

Hon'd Sir

I HAVE received this morning yours of Yesterdays by Will. I have been at the Treasurers but he was not at home. I will go there again for his answer to what you desire and let you know when his accounts will be ready to audit.

The several particulars mentioned in the inclosed memorandum go by Will with an ac of those that could not be got.

The Assembly have not done any thing worthy of notice since my last—The money to be levyed for repair of the Garrison they have Resolved to raise upon a Land Tax.
Mr. Harison is appointed Recorder of this City in the Room of Mr. Jamison.

The Chairott Wheels and Planks are gone by Riche.

I send six pair of Gloves for Madm Clarke; these for Miss Molly I have sent to Mrs. Vernons.

Capt. Solgard arrived yesterday from Virginia he gave me the inclosed for forwarding to you—inclosed is ten Dollars.

I will remember what you write me concerning old Burnet:

...I wish you a good harvest and am with all due regard Sr

&c.
Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary’s Office, New York,

August ye 11th 1724.

Hon’d Sir,

I send you by Goodwin a Hog’s-head of Madera which I hope will prove to content, I have been carefull to get a good Hog’s-head to put it in, but wish the drawing it off from the Pipe to the Hog’s-head may not alter its Body. Mr. Read was willing I should take the Pipe but did not know what to do without your order.

Mad’m Burnet was brought bedd this morning off a son.

I have been very uneasy at the Coach makers changing the boxes of your Charrott Wheels & have sent him a Threatning Letter which I hope may bring them to light.
The fellow to whom I paid the Money for him swears they are the same that were brought from the Plains, but I believe him to be a Rogue like the other.

I am glad you met with better weather on Saturday than you expected and am

I have delivered your Letter to Mr. Le Heup.

John Rochead to Isaac Bobin.

Jamaica, fryday night 1723.

Dr Isaac

I HAVE sent by the Bearer Thomas Brown a silver hilted sword which please deliver to Capt Andrew Nicoll of your fort and receive nine pounds for it; the pair scabbard he shall have when I come to Town.
Please forward the Inclosed for Edinburgh in yours to Mr. Willard in Boston; you need not inclose it in that to your father but lett him put yours and it into the first ships Bagg bound for London, Bristol &c.

I defyre you would get heavy gold (if it is not to much trouble) for the $word money I design to see the Secretary’s family on Munday if you have any Commands thither lett me have them by the Bearer.

Give Sir George Oglevie’s Note to Mr. Jamison junr to sue & if you want a power to do it shal lend him one—Your new Major W— here is dangerously Ill. Jamie gives his service to you and landlord, as does

Your moft hearty humble St

John Rochead.

Tho: Brown did not go to Town till Wensday & then shal lend yᵉ $word.
Isaac Bobin to Gov'r Burnet.

May it please yr Excellency

I HAVE received yr Ex'cy's Lre with y't of Capt Barnaret's to yr Excellency and accordingly prepared a Warrant for the Auditting and adjusting The several Acc'ts of Disbursements for Careening his Majesty's ship under his Command as well as to Enquire into the present Currency of Exchange for Bills drawn by him on the Navy which I send herewith.

I am obliged by this Opportunity to give your Excellency the trouble of some Blank Let Passes w'ch I desire you'll be pleased to sign and seal.

The inclosed Letters were given me Yesterday by one Monsieur Ramesay the Governours Son of Mountreall
for forwarding to your Excellency, he is under much concern for the Seal of one of them being broke by Accident in his Pocket & has desired me to acquaint you y° he hopes your Excellency will Entertain a better opinion of him than to believe he has toucht the Seal; he very much wished for y° happiness of seeing you he with another Gentleman from Canada is gone for Rhode Island in order for Boston upon what Errant I know not.

Capt Smith Master of the Beaver desired me to acquaint your Excellency that he will fail the 20th of this Instant, I embrace the Opportunity to Express my Concern for the trouble my Father has given you of his Letter and to assure your Excellency I will not be wanting to answer his desire so far as I am able, for I have nothing more at
heart than my tender Parent, and
the long life and prosperity of your
Excellency and Family, being with
great truth and respect
Sir
Your Excellency's
Most humble and
most obedient
Servant

Mr. Wileman to Mr. Bobin.

Sr

As to any particular order or
minutes relating to any person's particular business, I hold it
requisite you may give copies of ye
minutes or orders of Council. But
as to private affairs or ye state of
ye government without particular
order from ye Governor and Coun-
cill I would not give copies of such.

I am Sr your humble servt

H. W.

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Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.
Secretary’s Office, New York,
July the 15th 1729.

Sir

I DO not find that I am impowered to give out any attested copies of the minutes of Councill &ca relating to publick affairs, or the affairs of the Government here, without an order from the Board. I am with respect Sir Your most obedient servant

Is Bobin

Lewis Morris Junr Esq

Isaac Bobin to Lewis Morris, Junr.
Secretary’s Office, New York,
April 23, 1730.

Sir

I AM commanded by his Excellency to acquaint you that this day he communicated to the Coun-
cil his Majesty's Warrant to him dismissing you from being one of the members of that Board, a copy whereof is inclosed. And I am ordered by his Excellency to tell you that pursuant to his Majesty's Royal Will and pleasure, he has dismissed you from your place at that Board and sworn and admitted 

Phillip Cortlandt Esq in your room

I am

Sr
Your humble servt
Is Bobin

To Lewis Morris Junr Esq.

Isaac Bobin to George Clarke.

Secretary's Office, New York,

September the 14th 1730.

Hond Sir,

I RECEIVED yours of Saturday last by Mr Corey and now send by him the hatt for Master Hyde,
a pd of Bohea Tea and a pound of Thread.

There has not been any Councill since you left the Town, the Governour past last week very merrily but his Excy is now laid up with the gout.

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