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New York Colony Court of Assizes Minutes A0271

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	These records document the settlement of civil and criminal cases by the governor and council sitting as the Court of Assizes. The court tried appeals of lower court decisions and served as an equity court in cases to which no specific legal provisions applied. Cases concerned: land title and/or inheritance disputes; unpaid debts; illegal liquor sales; and attempted murder. Records include warrants; lists of petitions and appeals; and summaries of trial proceedings. Records have burn damage.
Creator:	New York (Colony). Court of Assizes
Title:	New York Colony Court of Assizes minutes
Quantity:	0.1 cubic feet
Inclusive Date:	1666-1670
Series:	A0271

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Arrangement

Chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

These records document the settlement of civil and criminal cases by the governor and council sitting as the Court of Assizes. The court tried appeals of lower court decisions and served as an equity court to try cases to which no specific legal provisions applied.

The records concern cases such as: disputes over land titles; unpaid debts; disputes over inheritances; illegal sale of liquor; and attempted murder.

The series contains 1. Warrants: name of plaintiff and defendant(s), nature of complaint or cause, and order for specified person(s) to appear at Court on a specified date; 2. Lists of petitions, appeals, and other causes to be heard at Court sessions for each year; 3. Summaries of trial proceedings: name of plaintiff, defendant(s), attorneys, jurors, and witnesses, summary of testimony, brief description of documents cited as evidence, jury's verdict, and court's orders upon hearing verdict (e.g. heirs to receive specified compensation, debts to be paid, etc.).

These records sustained severe burn damage in the 1911 State Capitol fire.

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Related Information

Related Material

B2310Series B2310, Calendar of the Proceedings of the Court of Assizes, contains related records

A3169Series A3169, New York Colony Council General Entries includes an index to records from 1665-1671, which also indexes Series A0271.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

The index to records from 1665-1671 in series A3169, General Entries, also indexes this series.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Mostly published in: Peter R. Christoph and Florence A. Christoph, eds. *New York Historical Manuscripts: English. Records of the Court of Assizes for the Colony of New York, 1665-1682* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983).

Partly published in: Peter R. Christoph and Florence A. Christoph, eds. *New York Historical Manuscripts: English. Books of General Entries of the Colony of New York, 1664-1673. Orders, Warrants, Letters, Commissions, Passes and Licenses Issued by Governors Richard Nicolls and Francis Lovelace* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982).

Minutes of the Court of Assizes for the period Oct. 6, 1680 to Oct. 6, 1682, are published in *Collections of the New-York Historical Society for the Year 1912* (New York: 1913), pp. 3-38.

Microfilm 1 microfilm reel; 35 mm.

Access Terms

- Adjudicating
- Civil procedure
- Courts
- Criminal procedure
- New York (State)
- Minutes (administrative records)
- New York (Colony)
- New York (Colony). Council
- New York (Colony). Governor