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**New York Colony Council Transcripts of Council Minutes and
Assembly Journals Transmitted to the Board of Trade A1455**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of photostat and microfilm reproductions of transcripts of New York Council minutes (executive and legislative sessions) and Assembly proceedings from 1686-1775. The transcripts were evidently prepared by the Secretary of the Province of New York or his deputy, and were transmitted to the Board of Trade in London.
Creator:	New York (Colony). Council
Title:	Transcripts of Council minutes and Assembly journals transmitted to the Board of Trade
Quantity:	3.2 cubic feet
Quantity:	12 microfilm reels
Inclusive Date:	1686-1775
Series:	A1455

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Arrangement

Chronological.

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Scope and Content Note

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The proceedings of the Governor and Council in their executive sessions and in legislative sessions ("Council in Assembly," essentially the upper house of the colonial legislature) are in manuscript, while proceedings of the Assembly are either copies of the printed journals or contemporary manuscript copies thereof. Of particular note is Volume 1183, folios 102-114, which contain minutes of joint meetings of the Governor and Council of New York Colony and the mayor, aldermen, and military officers of New York City, for the period April 27-June 6, 1689. This was at the outbreak of King William's War, when issues of public safety and military preparedness were of special concern.

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Related Information

Related Material

A1895Series A1895, Council minutes (1668-1783), contains minutes of the legislative and executive sessions of the Council of the Colony of New York that were retained by the Secretary of the Province

A4406Series A4406, Transcripts of Council minutes (1674-1761, bulk 1674-1742), contains additional transcripts of minutes of the Council that were maintained by the Division of Archives and History in the State Education Department

A3271Series A3271, Transcriptions of New York Council minutes and Council papers (1683-1767), contains transcriptions of New York Council minutes and transcriptions of the New York Council Papers (also known as "Colonial Manuscripts")

13914Series 13914, File relating to the purchase of photostatic copies of New York Colonial Council Minutes from the British Public Record Office, contains related records

A0176Series A0176, Original draft minutes (ca. 1668-1783), contains a draft version of a small amount of minutes of the legislative and executive sessions of the council

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

A1455-08: The microfilm contains the following statement: "Crown Copyright. Copies are supplied for information and research only. No reproduction may be made for publication without the assent of the Public Record Office."

Alternate Formats AvailableAlternate Formats Available

Microfilm is not available at the New York State Archives through interlibrary loan.

Microfilm: 12 reels; 35 mm.

Administrative Information

Existence and Location of Originals

Original transcripts are among the records of the Colonial Office, Series 5, vols. 1183-1211, held by the National Archives of the United Kingdom (Public Record Office), Kew, Surrey.

Custodial History

A1455-82: These photostat reproductions were obtained from the Public Record Office by the New York State Historian in the 1920s for a projected edition of the Council minutes that was never completed.

A1455-08: The New York State Archives purchased this microfilm from the National Archives of the United Kingdom (Public Record Office) in 2008. The film was produced by that organization in 1974.

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Access Terms

- New York (Colony)--Politics and government
- New York (State)--History--Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- Transcripts
- New York (State)
- Minutes (administrative records)

- New York (Colony)
- Microfilms
- Legislating
- Stats (copies)
- New York (State)--Politics and government
- Legislative bodies--New York (State)
- New York (N.Y.). Common Council
- New York (Colony). General Assembly
- Great Britain. Board of Trade
- New York (State). Legislature