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Scope and Contents note

The series "Papers relating to New York politics, 1768-1771" predominately deals with the suspension of the New York House of Assembly by Governor Moore, the elections of the next New York House of Assembly, and the political factions involved in these elections. This series primarily contains newspaper clippings from New York newspapers such as Parker's New-York Gazette, the Weekly Post-Boy, the Weekly Mercury, the New-York Gazette, and the Weekly Post, but there are occasionally newspaper clippings from other colonial newspapers, particularly from Boston and New Jersey. These newspaper clippings are mostly letters addressed to the printers or to the "Freeholders and Freemen of New York." Individuals discussed in the letters include the leaders of opposing parties of the New York House of Assembly, Philip Livingston and James Delancey; and Sons of Liberty leaders, Isaac Sears and Alexander McDougall. Additional topics of the newspaper clippings and other documents include the abolishment of the Committee of Safety, the Quartering Act, and the Townshend Acts; and the Battle of Golden Hill. Documents of interest in this series are the minutes of the Common Council of New York on November 19, 1768, a document containing a song "The American Whig's Address to the Dissenters;" speeches from meetings of the Sons of Liberty; correspondence regarding the Committee of Safety; and the votes tally for the election of the New York House of Assembly in which Philip Livingston won on February 10, 1768. There is also a signed petition regarding the non-importation agreement and a copy of a letter that was hung in a coffee house and