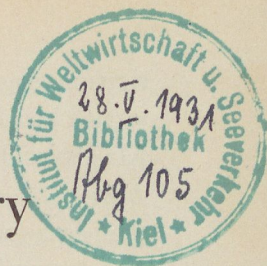


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THE first official printing for the colony of New York was in May, 1665, when Governor Richard Nicolls "made a journey through the Woods to Boston, and returne back in a moneths tyme." While there, he had a broadside sheet printed at Cambridge by Samuel Green, with the title heading: "*The || Conditions for New Planters || In the Territories of His Royal Highnes || the || Duke of York.*" The object of this publication was to induce people in New England to come into the colony of New York, and build a town on the west side of Hudson's river in Ulster county, near the Esopus creek. Writing to the Earl of Clarendon, on July 30, 1665, he says, "when I was last at Boston, I did engage a hundred famillyes to re-moove, and dispersed *printed papers* for their Encouragement." A single copy of this broadside has survived, among the Winthrop papers presented to the Massachusetts Historical Society by Robert C. Winthrop, in March, 1864, and is reproduced here in facsimile, through the courtesy of Mr. Julius H. Tuttle, the librarian.

Another official work which Governor Nicolls desired to have printed was the code of laws for the colony, compiled "out of those of Boston, New-haven, Mary Land or Virginia," and first published by proclamation at Hempstead on Long Island, in March, 1665, generally known as the Duke of York's Laws. In his letter to the Earl of Clarendon, he mentioned his intention of having them reviewed and amended at the General Assizes to be held in September, and then forwarded to his Royal Highness for authen-