

The Board are unanimously of opinion
that as his Excellency has declared he has not received
any Instructions or Notice from his Mat^y or any legal
Authority derived under him of his pleasure to restore
this Govern^{mt} to the Lord Proprietary, he ought not
to accept or act by the s^d Commission or any
way resign up the Administration of the Gov^{mt}
he now holds under his Majesty's Authority until
his Majesty's pleasure is signified to him for so
doing —

His Excellency having received
a Letter from the Hon^{ble} ^{Col} Alexander Spotswood
of the fifteenth of July last Communicated it to y^r
Board as followeth: Viz^t —

Last Night
I received the Hon^{ble} of Yours of the 20th inst^l with a pac-
quet inclosed from South Carolina; I cannot better
answer your desire of knowing the state of that
Province than by inclosing the Copy of a^l I have just
writ to the Secretary of State according to the Infor-
mation I received from a Gentleman of considerable
figure in y^r Govern^{mt}. I will not but to solicit for an
immediate assistance of Men upon whose Represen-
tation I have given leave for to succour them as the
Authority of a Govern^{mt} supported by the Concurrence
of a Council could enable me by immediately resolving
to raise 300 Men for that service and have already
writ such a dispatch therein that there were but fifteen
days between the arrival of the Commission here
and their dispatch with an Hundred & eighty of that
Number next toednesday I intend to Embark 40 or
50 more and the remainder will be ready against
the Return of the Fleet, these are also to be armed
in haste for which purpose I have already sent