

“Votes of the House Mercurii 11<sup>th</sup> Die Decembris 1754.

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“The order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to Consider of the Bill for Punish<sup>s</sup> Mutiny & Desertion & for the better payment of the Army & their Quarters Ordered, That it be an Inst<sup>n</sup> to the said Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses to provide, that all Officers & Soldiers of any Troops being Mustered & in pay w<sup>h</sup> are or shall be raised in any of the British Provinces in America by Authority of the Respective Governors or Governments thereof, shall at all Times & in all Places when they happen to join or Act in Conjunction with his Majesty’s British Forces, be liable to Martial Law & Discipline in like manner to all intents and Purposes as the British Forces are, & shall be Subject to the same Tryal Penalties & Punishments.”

Dec<sup>r</sup> the 17<sup>th</sup> On closing, I have y<sup>rs</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> the 25<sup>th</sup> Williamsbourg Virginia, I immediately Delivered y<sup>rs</sup> Inclosed at S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Robinson Sec<sup>y</sup> of State & y<sup>rs</sup> to Lord Baltimore who says, y<sup>r</sup> Intelligence is obliging. The 20<sup>th</sup> Instant I was with S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> who said he had lain your Let<sup>r</sup> before the King & that his Majesty express’d, he was pleased with the Contents. This Day I have y<sup>rs</sup> the 2<sup>d</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of Sep<sup>r</sup> with the Duplicates of the Laws in Feb<sup>y</sup> & May last. The remark you make on the Law concern<sup>s</sup> Ordinary Licences pass’d in 1746 Rectifies the Mistake of the Upp<sup>r</sup> House being out three or four years by Calculation. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Copp you have not heard of continues in Carolina The Benefice intend’d for him, My Lord gives you leave to dispose of & of S<sup>t</sup> Johns & Christ Church in Queen Anne County their Income is so smal ’tis Difficult to get Clergy here to Accept. ’Tis with concern I understand from you the progress of the French & their Strengthening themselves by Forts on Monongahala River in the Ohio Country, & that they have begun one on Greenbrier River in Augusta County Virginia, too Near Maryland, however by y<sup>rs</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> the 25<sup>th</sup> the Money being Arriv’d from England to Virginia & that the Comānd of his Majesty’s Forces being in you I am in hopes, the Aid came in Time to Enable you to a Defeat of them & their Designs. The Colonies have been Dillitory in their Supplys, the preversness of the Assemblys has occasion’d some of the Gov<sup>rs</sup> to Apply Home for an Act of Parliament to be obligatory on the Colonies, to Contribute their Quotas in Defence of his Majestys American Dominion. The Consideration of the Govern<sup>t</sup> thereon I can’t say however it wo<sup>d</sup> be Best the Americans did not Subject themselves to Tax from hence.

Inclosed is the Report of the Lords of Trade to the Lords of the Council ab<sup>t</sup> the Import of Salt from Foreign parts to Maryland