

addressed his Sacred Ma<sup>ty</sup> this Last ffeet touching their sending assistance to New York Lib. H. D.

If that Governm<sup>t</sup> will not be Satisfyed w<sup>th</sup> these Reasons you are to Acquaint them that they may (if they think fit) send one or two persons to the Assembly w<sup>ch</sup> (God willing will sit the 2<sup>d</sup> day of October next to inform themselves of the Representatives or others, inhabitants of this Province, about the Condition the same now lyes vnder; And that during their Stay they shall receive all the civill treatm<sup>t</sup> this Governm<sup>t</sup> can afford

That you Make all the dispatch you can back & perform the Journey with as little Expence to the Countrey as you can, knowing the poverty of the same

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1695.

ffr: Nicholson

Private Instructions for M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Tasker one of the house of Burgesses and Treasurrer for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Province of Maryland

Mr Taskers private Instructions &ca You are to make inquiry as you goe through Pennsylvania & the Jerseys what News you can heare about the French & Canida Indians and what danger they apprehend in that Matter.

When come to New Yorke you are to inquire the same, and make your Observations of the flourishing of the place both in building Shipping & Trade, especially since this Warr.

You are to inquire and make your Observations upon the debarring all persons from trading to Albany but themselves and acquaint them that this Governm<sup>t</sup> does Expect that (if assistance is required by them from hence) they may have a ffree Trade to Albany to Supply the Indians, which will occasion things to be Cheaper & the Indians not soe apt to Complain for the dearness of the Comodity.

You are to Observe that the Ordinary Revenue of that Province is about 5000<sup>l</sup> Sterl: a year.

That if the men are to be sent, you are to let them know, p. 194 how that the people of the Countrey have neither Arms nor Amunition, nor his Ma<sup>ty</sup> any Magazine here, but that a Supply of such things are sent for by this last ffeet.

You are to inquire as you goe a long when you are there whether they have had any Acco<sup>t</sup> of the Additionall Act for the 3<sup>d</sup> p hhd lately passed & if they knew it was to be given them.

You may inquire about any other matters & make use of these and them as you shall find necessary for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Service and intrest of the Countrey.