

upon the application of our Govern^r or Command^r in Cheif of New York, which s^d Sumē of two hundred pounds applyed towards the assistance of our s^d Province, We are pleased to declare, Shall be instead of the Quota or other assistance to be given by our s^d Province of Maryland towards the Defence and Security of our said province of New York untill upon further Consideration of this matter We Shall give other Directions herein: And for So Doing this Shall be your Warrant. Given at our Court at Kensington this Second day of Jan^{ry} 1696/5 In the Seventh year of our Reign.

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By His Majesties Command.

Govern^r of Maryland ab^t }
Assistance for New York. } Shewsbury

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His Mats Letter to the Govern^r of New York ab^t the Quota of Virg^a and Maryland Trusty and Welbeloved We Greet you well: Whereas upon your Representation, that notwithstanding Our Pleasure Signified to our Severall Colonies in the Northern parts of America that they should Agree upon a Quota of Men or other assistance to be given by them Respectively for the Defence of our Province of New York Some of the said Colonies having Omitted to Send Com^{rs} to adjust the Said Quota's, nothing had been done therein; The Severall Govern^{rs} of our s^d Colonies were directed to send the Respective Quota's of Men or other Assistance appointed by Us for the Defence & Security of our s^d Province; We declaring our pleasure that two hundred forty Men of our Militia of our Colony of Virg^a and one hundred and Sixty men of our Militia of our Province of Maryland Should be the measure of the Assistance to be given by our s^d Colony and Province upon the application of our Govern^r or Commander in Cheif of our province of New York, and it having been Represented unto Us by our Respective Govern^{rs} of our Colonies of Virginia and Maryland that having in Obedience to our Commands herein recommended to the Care of the Generall Assembly's of our s^d Colony and province Respectively the providing fitt Supplys for the s^d Quota's they had Alledged that the Inhabitants being very poor by Reason of the Warr and the Lowe price of Tobacco, and the apprehensions of Forreign Indians putting the Countrey to Great Charges to Secure their ffrontiers, they are become incapable of affording any Assistance to New York And had humbly pray'd to be Excused from all Contribution of th^t Nature, But that for the Present the Respective Assembly's have appropriated the Sumē of ffive hundred Pounds for our Colony of Virginia and two hundred pounds for our Province of Maryland to Lye ready for the s^d Service

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