

Lib. H. D. and have accordingly given Power to the Respective Govern<sup>rs</sup> to apply the Same as there Shall be Occasion; We have thereupon Signified Our Will and Pleasure to our Trusty and well Beloved S<sup>r</sup> Edmund Andros our Govern<sup>r</sup> in Cheif of our Colony of Virginia; And to our Trusty and Welbeloved Francis Nicholson our Govern<sup>r</sup> in Cheif of our Province of Maryland to dispose of the s<sup>d</sup> Severall Sumes of ffive hundred pounds and two hundred pounds respectively upon your application towards the Defence and Security of our Province of New York which s<sup>d</sup> Respective Sumes of ffive hundred pounds and two hundred Pounds We are pleased to declare shall be instead of the Quotas or other Assistance to be given by our s<sup>d</sup> Colony of Virginia & Province of Maryland towards the Defence and Security of our s<sup>d</sup> province of New York untill we shall Signifye our further Pleasure herein; Given at our Court of Kensington this Second day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1696/5 In the Seventh year of our Reign.

By his Majesties Command.

Govern<sup>r</sup> of New York ab<sup>t</sup> the Quotas } Shrewsbury  
of Virginia and Maryland }

Whitehall the 10<sup>th</sup> of Janury '96/5

Gentlemen

Mr Poveys  
Lre to the  
Governor &  
Councill &  
Assembly of  
Maryland

I have Received by S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence the favour you were pleased to doe me by Your Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> of Octob<sup>r</sup> for which and the good Sence You are pleased to Retain of my Services I cannot Omitt to Return a most Gratefull acknowledgem<sup>t</sup> and to assure you that to the Utmost of my Power I shall continue my Endeavours for the good of the province of Maryland and though I may not properly Appear as the publick Agent of the province Yet if my Care for the promoting the Publick Affair's of the Countrey and the procuring a Speedy Dispatch of them through the Severall Offices may be thought worthy Your acceptance, I shall Readily perform that part, S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence, who has indifefaticably Solicited the Affairs of the Province during his Stay here, will give you a perfect Acco<sup>t</sup> of all things relating to the Severall matters transmitted from Maryland, Such of them as have met with Difficulties, So as to Remain undetermined Shall be dispatcht with all the Speed that may be, And as well in this as in all other matters relating to the publick Welfare of the province of Maryland I Shall Endeavour to approve my Self,

Gentlemen

Yo<sup>r</sup> most ffaithfull & humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
John Povey