

good Acquaintance and Friendship that hath always been Lib. X.
betwixt myself and them since I have been an Inhabitant here
I am

Sir
Your Excellency most Obliged &
most Obedient humble Servant
John Bradford

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Sir

The great duty on furs and Skins here is the Reason a
Trade with the Indians cannot longer be maintain'd and that
Trade is not only lost but in a Great measure our Acquaintance
with it therefore if the Lord Proprietor or the Country
would purchase Indian Goods to the Value of 200^l Sterling
first Cost and place the same with some Careful honest man
for Sale, it would be a great means to keep Friends with the
Indians without Charge (if the Returns did no more then keep
up the first Stock) and Bar the Pennsylvanians from trading
here, who have been the Occasion of this Uneasiness, and per-
haps may create much more, I hope your Excellencys Good-
ness will pardon this freedom having no other design but his
Lordships Interest and Safety of his Tenants

Sir

Yours as above
I. B.

At a Council held at the House of M^r Hugh Kennedy in
Annapolis April the 7th 1722

Present

The honble Charles Calvert Esq^r Governor

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the honble { Thomas Brooke Esq^r
Col^o Samuel Young
Col^o Richard Tilghman } Councillors
{ Col^o M. Tilghman Ward
John Rousby Esq^r }

Upon his Excellencys desire to know the Opinion of this
Board whether it may not be Convenient to dissolve this
present General Assembly three years since their election
the usual time of their sitting being almost expired

Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Board that it is Con-
venient to dissolve the same and that Proclamations issue for
that purpose when his Excellency shall think fit To which
Resolution his Excellency Concurrs

Upon his Excellencys further desire to know the Advice of
this honble Board what time may be most proper to call a
new Assembly