

Lib. C. B. Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly the Sum of 2562: 10: 0 Current Money in Bills of Credit to be applied for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of Persons voluntarily enlisting themselves in his Majestys Service, for the Use of the several Agents therein appointed

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency the Governor in the City of Annapolis on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in the twenty sixth year of His Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1740

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The Honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Edmund Jenings Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Col Charles Hammond

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter received by him from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, One of his Majestys Principal Secretarys at State, as also His Majesty's Instructions to him in the following Words.

Whitehall 5<sup>th</sup> April 1740

Sir

I acquainted you, by my Letter of January 5<sup>th</sup> with his Majestys Intentions to send from hence a large Body of Forces under the Command of my Lord Cathcart, in order to make an Attempt upon some of the most considerable of the Spanish Settlements in the West Indies; which are to be joined by such a Number of Troops, as may be raised in his Majestys Colonies, and Islands in America, And at the same [time], I sent you his Majesty's Directions to be making the necessary Dispositions, in order to facilitate, as soon as possible, the raising the Troops within Your Government; and I informed you, that Col Blakeney, who is appointed Adjutant General in this Expedition, would set out from hence as soon as possible, with the Kings more particular Instructions, and Directions to you, and the other Governors in America, relating to this Matter; and his Majesty doubts not, but that, in Consequence of these Orders you will have taken the necessary Steps to get the Levies in as much Forwardness as possible

I now send you inclosed His Majestys Instructions, under his Royal Sign Manual, containing particular Directions for Your Conduct in every thing relating to the Performance of this Service, which are so full, that they leave me Nothing to add, but to recommend to you the utmost Care and Diligence