

At a Council held at the house of his Excellency the Governor in the City of Annapolis on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of february in the 31<sup>st</sup> year of his Lordps Dominion Annoq Domini 1745. Lib. C. B.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The hoñble { Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> } Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>  
              { Edmund Jenings Esq<sup>r</sup> } Benjamin Young Esq<sup>r</sup>  
              { Col Charles Hammond } Col Benj. Tasker  
              { Philip Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> }

His Excellency having laid before this Board a Letter he rec'd from the Governor of New York, inclosing a Draught of the hoñble Col Charles Hammond Treasurer of the Western Shoar on M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hyde Merchant in London payable out of the Duty of three Pence p hh<sup>d</sup> for Arms to the hoñble George Clinton Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of New York dated 28<sup>th</sup> of September last; the Governor not having made Use of the same as a Present from this Government for the Indians; Ordered that the same be cancelled p. 251

Read the following Letter

New York 27<sup>th</sup> January 1745

Sir

Pursuant to my Recommendation to the Council & Assembly to make Provision for the Appointment of Commissioners for this Province to treat with such Comm<sup>rs</sup> as are or shall be appointed by the Neighbouring Governments upon concerting Measures for our mutual Security Defence and Conduct during the present War, Committees of both Houses have conferred upon the subject Matter thereof, and requested me to appoint Commissioners for that purpose, who are to make Report of their Proceedings with their Opinions thereupon, that such Measures may be taken jointly with the several Governments as shall be judged most expedient.

They have likewise desired me to represent to the several Governments upon the Continent the Wavering Disposition of the Indians and the fatal Consequences which may arise to all the Colonies in General in Case they should be withdrawn from their Fidelity and Dependance upon the British Interest: Whereupon there seems to be an absolute Necessity for the Colonies uniting their Endeavours at all Events to secure the Indians effectually in Our Interest at this Critical Conjunction, As the Enemy leave No Artifice untryed to seduce them having many Jesuitical Emissaries constantly residing amongst them and should They at length prevail with them to revolt, The Frontiers of the respective Colonies subject to his Majesty