

able board shall Joyn be a Committee to wait upon his Excellency and Lay the same before him accordingly Lib. C. B.

Sent up for Concurrence

T: Hutchinson Spk<sup>r</sup>

In Council June 10<sup>th</sup> 1748. Read and Concurr'd and Sir William Pepperell and Samuel Danforth Esq<sup>r</sup> are Joyned in the affair

By Order of the Board W<sup>m</sup> Pepperell

Upon reading the foregoing Letter It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to send the following Answer thereto.

Annapolis 7<sup>th</sup> July 1748

Sir

Your Favour of the 11<sup>th</sup> of last Month by the Post did not reach this Place before the fourth Instant, and I have taken the first Opportunity of communicating it together with your General Courts Resolutions to the Council, But We observe that the Time fixed for the Meeting leaves Us no Room to deliberate upon any Measures which Our Willingness to comply with your Expectat<sup>ns</sup> might suggest as expedient for that purpose.

We can have no Fund without the Assemblys Assistance to fulfill any Engagements or even defray the Expences of Commission<sup>rs</sup> and repeated Experience of the Lower houses Refusal to raise any supply to secure the Friendship of the Indians would take from Us every Prospect of succeeding on this Occasion, if even they could have been consulted, and Commissioners sent before the time of Meeting and more especially, as the Virginia Government is not desired by your General Court to be advised of this Interview, since the Inhabitants of that Colony will be always thought by Our Lower House p. 339 to be as nearly interested as Ourselves in keeping up a good Understanding with the Six Nations

Your Design is so much for the Service of his Majesty, and Safety of his Subjects in these Northern Plantations, that I am truly concerned I can only give you my good Wiches for it's Success

I am Sir

W<sup>m</sup> Shirley Esq<sup>r</sup>

Gov<sup>r</sup> of New England.

Your most ob<sup>t</sup> hble servant

Sam: Ogle

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of August in the 34<sup>th</sup> year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Dni. 1748.