

Lib. J. R. At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on the 12th
& U. S. day of June in the seventh year of his Lordships Dominion
Annoque Domini 1757:

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Col: Cha^s Ham-
mond and Col: Benjamin Tasker.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the
following Letters.

Whitehall 2: May 1757..

Sir

The Crops of Corn having from the Badness of the Season
p. 188 last Year greatly failed in many Parts of Great Britain and
Ireland which makes a Supply thereof very much wanted,
for which Reason Orders have been sent to purchase large
Quantities in America, and it being apprehended that the
Ships loaded therewith may not be able to sail on Account of
the Embargo laid in several Parts of America by Lord
Loudoun's Desire on all Ships in general, by which means
his Majestys Dominions in Europe may be greatly distressed,
I am commanded to signify to you the Kings Pleasure that
you do immediately upon the Receipt of this Letter cause any
Embargo that shall be then subsisting within your Govern-
ment either in consequence of Lord Loudoun's Application
to you; or of any Directions sent you by the Board of Trade
to be taken off from all Vessels loaded with Corn or any
other Species of Grain for Great Britain and Ireland, and
that you do take particular Care that no future Embargo
which it may be thought expedient to lay do extend to Vessels
so loaded, but on the Contrary you will give all proper
Encouragement and Assistance to Persons who shall be em-
ployed in the purchasing and shipping Corn for the Supply
of his Majesty's Dominions in Europe, taking Care that they
do give sufficient security for landing the Cargoes at the
Places for which they shall be designed agreeable to an Act
of Parliament passed this Session, entitled, An Act to pro-
hibit for a limitted Time, the Exportation of Corn Grain,
Meal, Malt &c. which Act has been transmitted to you by
the Lords Commissioners for Trade and plantations

I am Sir

Your most obed^t humble Servant

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

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