

Advice af<sup>d</sup> shall be judged most Expedient and will best Show our Indulgence to the Inhabitants of our said Province But not to prevent the Benefit of the Discovery of Surplusage Lands to such Person who may be Intitled thereto by Virtue of my said Dear Fathers Proclamation

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It is thought most expedient to suspend the issuing such Proclamation untill his Lordships further Order

There being large Tracts of Land as I observe Reserved for the Indians which the English have Encroached upon made Surveys & got Grants of them and some, not Stuck to deny, as I am Informed the payment of the Quit Rents, Alledging that they hold of the Indians it is my Order therefore that all these Reserves be Erected into Manors whereby these Indians will be taken under my immediate Protection.

It is the Advice of this Board that the Attorney Generals Opinion be had in Relation to the said Article.

You are hereby Impowered to lett the County Courts upon Leases the Ferrys over the Rivers in the several Counties within our said Province which would Contribute to the Ease of the Inhabitants the said County Courts Paying such fines and annual Rents in Sterling Money to me for the same as shall be Settled by our Lieutenant Governor & Chancellor Our Judge of the Land Office Secretary in our said Province and your self and whoever shall presume to sett up Ferrys in opposition to such Leases are to be prosecuted for the same by our Attorney General of Our said Province, and Discountinanced by all the Magistrates.

It is the opinion of this Board that Application be made by the Agent to the County Courts as directed by the said Article and if the County Courts are inclinable to take the said Ferrys of the Agent that he then make the best Terms with them for his Lordships Interest he can.

At a Council held at the Governours on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January in the third year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1754.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The Honourable { Col Charles Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
{ Col Benjamin Tasker }

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

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Whitehall August 28<sup>th</sup> 1753

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His Majesty having received Information of the March of a Considerable Number of Indians not in Alliance with the