

Lib. J. R. And Whereas it is thought necessary and convenient that the
& U. S. said Assembly should be dissolved, I do therefore with the
Advice of his Lordships Council of State dissolve the same,
And to the Intent that all persons concerned may have due
p. 201 Notice thereof I do hereby strictly charge, and require the
several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclama-
tion public in their respective Counties, in the usual Manner
as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril: Given at
the City of Annapolis this 17th Day of August 1757:
J.. Ross Cl. Conc.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday
the 22^d of August in the seventh Year of his Lordships Do-
minion, Anno Domini 1757..

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq^r and Colonel
Charles Hammond.

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

Whitehall 19: February 1757.

Sir

Having in my Letter of the 4th Instant informed you that
it was the King's Intention to send a strong Squadron of
Ships of War to North America I am now to acquaint you
that his Majesty has been pleased to appoint Rear Admiral
Holbourne to command the said Squadron, and it is the
King's Pleasure that in Case any Naval Assistance shall be
wanted for the Protection of your Government you should
apply for the same to the said Rear Admiral or to the Com-
mander in Chief for the Time being of his Majesty's Ships
in those Seas who will send you such Assistance as he may
be able to do, consistently with the Service with which he is
charged by his Majesty's Instructions, and you will regularly
communicate to the said Commander all such Intelligence, as
shall come to your Knowledge concerning the Arrival of any
Ships of War or Vessels having Warlike Stores on Board,
and likewise all such Advices, as may concern their Motions,
and Destination, or may in any Manner relate to that Part
of his Majesty's Service with which the Commanders of the
King's Ships should be acquainted, and for the better Exe-
cution of the Orders sent you in this Letter, you will be dili-
gent in employing proper Persons and Vessels, not only to
procure you the earliest Intelligence, but likewise to be dis-