

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 25th Day of January in the seventh Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoq Domini 1758.. Lib. J. R.
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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq. Col: Cha^s Hammond and Col: Benjⁿ Tasker.

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

New York Dec^r 30th 1757.

Sir

I had this Day the Favour of your Letter by Express with the Bill prepared by the Lower House and the Address from both Houses to you.

As I had seen an Extract of the military Part of that Bill before, I am ready to give my Sentiments on it and am clearly of opinion that had it passed into a Law of the Province it would have been a direct Infringement of the Kings undoubted Prerogative and as such was very wisely rejected by the Upper House. At the same Time I am willing to believe that the Assembly had not considered it in that Light or they would never have framed it in that manner, nor had they considered that Right of the King of commanding his Subjects in Arms which is a Right undisputed every where or they would never have disputed the Power of his Commission to have marched the Troops raised by them for the Defence of his Dominions even out of your Province, which I do not understand I have done with Regard to them which was to Fort Cumberland from the best Accounts I have been able to procure but that does not come to be the Question for if they will consider what has happened in almost all the other Provinces they will find that they are single in the opinion of the Kings Power of marching the Provincial Troops into other Provinces. p. 206

At the Meeting at Philadelphia it was settled last Spring that South Carolina was in Danger of a more powerful Invasion from the Enemy than they were able alone to resist, therefore it was agreed that it was necessary they should have an additional Force sent to their Assistance composed partly of regular Troops and partly of Troops raised by other provinces, and two hundred Men did accordingly sail from Virginia and are now with them, and the Troops from North Carolina were in Readiness to go but were prevented by Letters from the Commanding Officer there on the Arrival of a