

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 15. of March in the seventh year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1758.. Lib. J. R.
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Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor.

The honourable Benjⁿ Tasker Esq. Col: Benjⁿ Tasker & Daniel Dulany Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letters which being read are ordered to be entered:

Whitehall 30: of December 1757..

Sir

The King having judged proper that the Earl of Loudoun should return to England, and his Majesty having been pleased to appoint Major General Abercromby to succeed his Lordship as Commander in Chief of the Kings Forces in North America with the same Powers and Authorities, I am commanded to signify to you his Majesty's Pleasure, that you do apply to and correspond with Major General Abercromby on all Matters relating to the King's Service, & that you do obey such orders as you shall receive from him in the same manner as you were directed to do with Regard to the several former Commanders in Chief in North America and you will from time to time give M^r Abercromby all the Assistance and Lights in your Power in all Matters relative to the Command with which the King has honoured him.

And I am particularly to signify to you his Majesty's Pleasure that in Case Major General Abercromby or the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces shall at any Time apply to you to lay an Embargo on all Ships within your Province, you do strictly comply with the said Request, for so long a Time as the Commander in Chief shall desire. p. 225

The King having resolved to send a considerable Squadron of Ships, the ensuing year to North America, I am further to signify to you his Majesty's Pleasure that you do from Time to Time transmit to the Commander in Chief of the Kings Ships in North America all Intelligence relative to his Departm^t in the same manner as you were directed to do by my Letter of the 19th of last Febry to Vice Admiral Holbourne, and it is also the Kings Pleasure that you do on any Application from the Commander in Chief of the King's Ships use all legal Methods to supply him with such a Number of Sailors and Workmen from your Province as he shall at any Time require for his Majesty's Service.

I am Sir your most obedient humble Servant Deputy Governor of Maryland W.. Pitt