

I am at the same Time to acquaint you that as it is absolutely necessary for his Majesty's Service that an immediate Embargo should be laid on all Ships in the different Ports of the respective Provinces in North America, and as you have already been forewarned, that whenever such Directions should be transmitted to you by his Majesty's Commander in Chief in these Parts you should without any the least Difficulty comply therewith. I make no Doubt that upon Receipt hereof you will forthwith publish the said Embargo which is to hold good until such Time as you receive Notice from me to take off the same which you may depend on being transmitted to you as soon as his Majesty's Service will allow of it.

Lib. J. R.  
& U. S.

I have nothing further to add but to desire that you will give me the earliest Notice possible of the Success you meet with in your Application to your Council & Assembly, and what Resolutions they are or are likely to come to upon the Subject of the Troops to be raised by them conformable to his Majesty's Directions, especially as the Season is so far advanced, and there is no Time to lose.

I am with great Regard Sir, your most obed<sup>t</sup> humble  
P. S. The Embargo took Place in this Port Yesterday. Servant  
James Abercromby.

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to the Officers of the Customs in the several Ports within this Province.

Sir

It being recommended to me by the honourable James Abercromby Esq. Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in North America as a Matter of the greatest Importance that an Embargo should be laid in the sev<sup>l</sup> Ports within my Government you are therefore hereby required not to clear any Ship or Vessel within your Port until you shall receive my further Directions herein I am &c.

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At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 23<sup>d</sup> Day of March in the seventh year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1758:

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor.

The honourable Benj<sup>n</sup> Tasker Esq: Col: Cha<sup>s</sup> Hammond,  
and Col: Benj: Tasker.