

Lib. J. R. At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday
& U. S. the fourth day of April in the Eighth year of his Lordship's
Dominion Annoq Domini 1759.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The Honble	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r	}	Col ^o Benjamin Tasker
		Col ^o Charles Ham-		Benedict Calvert Esq.
		mond		Daniel Dulany Esq ^r

His Excellency Acquaints this Board that his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary had Appointed Stephen Bordley Esq^r a Member of the Council & the Upper House of Assembly and that he Attends in order to be qualified who takes the several Oaths to the Government Subscribes the abjuration and Test and takes the Oath of a Councilor and then takes his place at the Board Accordingly

His Excellency lays before this Board the following Letters

Whitehall 9 Decemb^r 1758.

Sir

His Majesty having nothing so much at Heart, as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign; as well as to repair the Disappointment at Ticonderoga; and by the most Vigorous and extensive efforts, to avert, by the Blessing of God on his Arms, all Dangers, which may threaten North America, from any Future Irruptions of the French; and the King not Doubting, that all his Faithfull & brave Subjects there, will chearfully co-operate with, and second to the utmost the large Expence, and Extraordinary succours, supplied by this Kingdom, for their preservation and Defence; and his Majesty Considering that the several provinces, from Pensilvania Inclusive, to the Southward, are well able, with proper Encouragements, to furnish a Body of several Thousand Men, to join the Kings Forces in those parts for Some offensive Operations against the Enemy, and his Majesty not Judging it Expedient to limit the Zeal and Ardour of any of his provinces, by making a repartition of the Forces, to be raised by each respectively, for this most Important Service; I am Commanded to Signify to you the Kings pleasure, that you do forthwith use your utmost endeavours and Influence with the Council and Assembly of your province, to induce them to raise, with all Possible Dispatch within your Government as Large a Body of men, as the number and Scituation of its Inhabitants may allow (in the due performance of Which Service, it is hoped