

Lib. J. R. courage your assembly to the full & due Execution of the
& U. S. Kings Commands in a matter so essential to the future welfare and Prosperity of the several Provinces and the Success of the Ensuing decisive and (it is greatly hoped) last Campaign in North America; Which desirable ends cannot be better Attained than by Commencing the Operations as early as shall be practicable, and that nothing may be left undone that it is possible for me to Attempt in the Execution of his Majestys Commands I must be urgent with you to quicken & expedite the Levies of your Province so that they may be Assembled at the Rendizvous which I shall hereafter appoint by the tenth of April at furthest.

I have also in Command from his Majesty to recommend to you the Collecting & putting into a proper Condition all the Arms which can be anywise rendered Serviceable or that can be found within your Government in order that the same may be employed as far as they will go in this Exigency: As a further Reason for which I refer you to my Letter of the 16 of February 1759 and now offer you the same Encouragement I did then Viz^t that for every one of such Arms as any of your Men shall bring with them & that may be spoiled or lost in Actual Service I will pay at the Rate of twenty five Shillings a Firelock. From this Encouragement & your known Fidelity & Attachment to his Majesty I have no Doubt of your Exerting yourself to the utmost on this great Occasion where the future welfare & safety of America & of your own Province in Particular are so nearly concerned. I am with great Regard

Sir

Your most obedient humble Serv^t

Jeff Amherst

p. 250 Ordered by the Advice of this Board that the Assembly be called on the Second Tuesday of this Instant March being the 11th Day of the same Month and Proclamations issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 18 Day of April in the ninth year of his Lordships Dominion &c.. Annoque Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

The Honourable Col^o Benjⁿ Tasker, Benedict Calvert Esq^r
Col^o Robert Jenkins Henry.