

one of the best and freshest Horses I had here and this moment he is returned with much the same accounts. His Horse giving out he could Proceed no farther than the Little Meadows 25 Miles from this all the Accounts I get from him is related by the Waggoners and much to the same purport as at first that the General and many Officers are killed and half of our Soldiers with most of the Artillery taken by the Indians But not in this time having any Accounts from the Army gives me hopes things cannot be so very bad with us.

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However I think it highly requisite and full time that the Militia in the three Neighbouring Provinces should be immediately draughted and Sent out to their assistance, Horses and Waggoners will be absolutely needful, Three or Four thousand men will absolutely carry Victory before us when five times the Number in a little time hence will not do, All which I most humbly Submit. you may depend as soon as I receive any Accounts I shall forward them. you may likewise depend Please God I live I will do my best to maintain this Post. I am

Your Hon^{rs} Most Obedient humble Servant

Fort Cumberland

James Innes

13 July 1755

To the Hon^{ble} Governor Dinwiddie

His Excellency is pleased to desire the Opinion of this Board Whether If the General has met with a Defeat Is it then necessary to call the Assembly—

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r Col Hammond, Samuel Chamberlaine Esq^r Col Tasker & Col Goldsborough are of Opinion & Advise his Excellency that the Assembly be called

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 15th day of August in the fifth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1755.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor

The honourable	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r	}	Col Benjamin Tasker
		Col Charles Hammond		Benedict Calvert Esq ^r
		Samuel Chamberlaine Esq ^r		Col William Goldsbor- ough
		Philip Thomas Esq ^r		

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Opinion of this Board Whether the Assembly should be now called or not, Resolved in the Negative.

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