

Lib. J. R. Whether If the Pensilvania Assembly pass a Bill to raise
& U. S. Money for his Majestys Service the Assembly should then
be called, Resolved in the Affirmative

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Opinion of this Board
Whether there is an immediate necessity to prevent the Ex-
portation of Indian Corn, Resolved there does not appear any
immediate necessity.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following
Letter to the Magistrates of the Several Counties of this
Province.

Gentlemen

It having been reported that there have been lately some
tumultuous Meetings and Caballings among the Negroes in
some parts of the Province & moreover that Persons of the
Roman Catholick Persuasion have misbehaved in such a
manner in some Counties as to give his Majestys Loyal Sub-
jects just Cause to fear an Insurrection I am directed by the
Governor and Council to write to you thereon, and in their
Names to desire you will enquire and learn what foundation
there is, or what Cause has been given in your County for
such a Report. if upon Examination there shall appear to
have been sufficient Cause given either by Papists, Negroes,
or others for such Reports you are to cause the offenders
to be apprehended, and either commit them to the Sheriffs
Custody or oblige them to give good Security for their Ap-
pearance at the next Assizes and in the mean time you are
to Advise the Governor thereof; but if upon Examination
had, it shall appear to you that such Rumours or Reports
tending so much to the disquiet of his Majestys Subjects in
this Province are intirely groundless & without Foundation
you are then required to bind over to the next Assizes as
Disturbers of the publick Peace whoever shall appear to be
the Authors of such Rumours, or to have industriously
propagated such Falsehoods.

As it has been also intimated that some Roman Catholick
Priests of this Province, have been lately absent from their
usual place of Residence a considerable time, you are desired
to enquire if any Priest from your County has been so absent,
& if it shall by the Affidavit of any Evidence appear to you
to have been the Case, you will Summon such Priest to ap-
pear before you, and if he does not give a very Satisfactory
Account of himself, and where he has been during his ab-
sence from home, you are to commit him to the Sheriffs
Custody, unless he gives good Security for his immediate
Appearance before the Governor and Council, whom you are