

review the Several Companies under your Command Severally or together and upon their appearances diligently observe how well they shall be appointed and Provided, that you may be the better enabled to give me an Account thereof and you shall also direct the Captains of the Several Companies respectively as often as they muster and discipline the men under their Command to make you a Return of the Persons that shall attend at every such Muster and also send you the names of those that may neglect to attend in order that you and one other officer may award Execution against such as shall neglect or refuse to appear in obedience to this and your Orders and you are moreover hereby requir'd to Inclose the said Returns to me that I may be satisfied how punctually these my Orders are obeyed and upon any Alarm of an Enemys approach upon any Invasion or Incursion of the French or their allied Indians you are hereby authorized & directed immediately to Summons such Troops or Companies as you shall see fit, and either lead or order them to march under the Command of some other officer against such Enemies and to resist or attack the Invaders as you think proper for the better Security and defence of the Province, and in Case you or they make any such French or Indians Prisoners you are to convey them under a Guard to the County Prison and immediately send me Advice thereof as you are also required to Do of every occurrence likely to affect the Peace and Safety of this Province which shall Come to your knowledge. Given under my hand this 30th Day of May Anno Domini 1755.

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At a Council held at the City of Annapolis Tuesday the 26th 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
{ Philip Thomas Esq^r } Benedict Calvert Esq^r

Several Letters and Papers being laid before this Board by his Excellency relating to the March of some French and Indians to the great Meadows and their Encampment there and also in relation to Col Dunbar's leaving Wills's Creek and marching with the Troops under his Command to Pennsylvania which being read his Excellency desires the Advice of this Board whether It may be necessary now to call the Assembly, Who are of Opinion It is not now necessary but if the Enemy should attack Fort Cumberland, then immediately to call the same. p. 62