

The Honb^{le} Robert Hunter Morris Lieu^t Governor and Com- Lib. J. R.
mander in Chief of the Province of Pensilvania & U. S.

The Honb^{le} Thomas Fitch Governor & Commander in Chief
of the Colony of Connecticut

Colonel Thomas Dunbar

Major Charles Craven

Sir John S^t Clair Quarter Master General

Major Thomas Kinneer

Major John Rutherford.

The General's Commission being read together with part of a Letter to him dated the 28th of last August from the R^t Honb^{le} Sir Thomas Robinson one of his Majestys Principal Secretaries of State, and part of his Majestys Seventh Instruction to the late General Braddock; Several Points of Rank, which were Moved by some of the Members of the Council were Settled, after which his Excellency Adjourned the Council to the next day at 9 O'Clock in the forenoon

Saturday December 13th 1755

The Council met according to Adjournment

Present as before together with Col Peter Schuyler.

His Excellency acquainted the Council that he had Convened them to give their Opinion and Advice upon a Plan of operations which he proposes for the next years Campaign, in order to effect the Several Services he is directed by his Majestys Instructions to Carry into execution: That in order to inform them fully of the State of those Services, it was necessary for him to acquaint them that in his Majestys said Instructions it is Discovered,

1st That whereas the French would in all probability, endeavour to Reinforce the Several Posts they have on the River Ohio, and on the Lakes to the Westward of it, by sending Troops up the River Mississippi, it was his Royal will and Pleasure, that as the season would Allow Troops to take the field much sooner in the Southern Parts, than in any other parts of his Colonies he should begin his Operations there as Soon as the Weather would permit, and was therefore Ordered to divide the Troops under his Command to be carried up the River Patomack as high as Wills's Creek in order to proceed to Fort Duquesne

2^{dly} That as Soon as the late General should have been Able to drive the French from their Posts upon the Ohio he should take proper Measures for Erecting a Good & Sufficient Fort on the most Convenient pass upon the said River and to leave a Strong Garrison Consisting of the three Independant Companys then in Virginia Sustained by such a