

that very Large Supplies will be wanted for the Troops that are to Assemble on this Continent for Immediate Service, I should Desire an Embargo on the Shipping, were I not Averse to such a Measure, which might be attended with Several Inconveniencies; and as I think the preventing any provisions from being Exported, may answer the same End; I must therefore Request you will be pleased to take such Steps as you think best for Effectually prohibiting any kind of Provisions from being Shipped at any of the Ports within your Province, except for the abovementioned Services.

Lib. J. R.
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I have made the same application to the Governors of the Several Provinces nearest to this place, I have Likewise Appointed Persons to Buy up the Provisions at the Market Price, for which Purpose I have Requested press Warrants to Oblige the Merchants to Deliver what they have in Store at a reasonable rate, that the King's Service may be carried on, and may not Suffer for want of that most Essential Article.

I am with great Regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Jeff: Amherst

Upon Consideration of the above Letter The Board they are perswaded that no Trade has been carried on from this Province as is said to have been done from the Northern Colonies with his Majesty's Enemies nor Provisions exported hence to any Places without his Majesty's Dominions, advise that a Circular letter be wrote to the Several Officers of the Customs within this Government requiring them to pay the most punctual Regard to the Act of Parliament made in the 30th year of his late Majesty's Reign Entituled an Act to prohibit for a limited time the Exportation of Corn Grain Meal Malt Flour Bread Biscuit Starch Beef Pork Bacon & other Victual (except Fish & Roots & Rice to be exported to any part of Europe Southward of Cape Finisterre) and ordering them in Case they shall have the least Room to Suspect that any Vessel which hath been laden or shall be laden in their respective Districts was or may be destined for any Port out of the King's Dominions to Communicate without Delay Such their Suspicions to his Excellency. This is all the Board think the Governor can do in Consequence of the General's Letter unless a General Embargo was to be laid in the Several Colonies on this Continent.

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Read the Report of the Justices of a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer held in Frederick County whereby it appears