

L. H. J. on this Occasion my Duty obliges me earnestly to recommend to you  
 Liber No. 47 the Revival of the Law for Arms and Ammunition, without which,  
 November 5 we shall, in Case of an Attack, be unable to defend our private  
 Properties, much less to join the neighbouring Colonies, to manifest  
 our Duty and Loyalty, by repelling the Violence of an Enemy, and  
 preventing an Invasion or Attempt, upon his Majesty's Dominions  
 on this Continent.

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe.

And the following Letter

Whitehall August 20.<sup>th</sup> 1753

Sir.

His Majesty having received information of the march of a  
 Considerable Number of Indians not in Alliance with the King,  
 supported by some regular European Troops intending as it is  
 Apprehended to committ some Hostilities on parts of his Majestys  
 dominions in America. I have the Kings commands to send you  
 this Intelligence and to direct you to use your utmost Diligence to  
 learn how far the same may be well grounded and to put you upon  
 your guard that you may at all Events be in a Condition to resist  
 p. 326 any Hostile Attempts that may be made upon any parts of his  
 Majesty's Dominions within your Government and to direct you in  
 the Kings name that in Case the Subjects of any foreign province  
 or state should presume to make any Incroachment on the Limits  
 of his Majestys Dominions, or to erect forts on his Majestys Lands  
 or committ any Other Act of Hostility you are immediately to repre-  
 sent the Injustice of such proceedings and to require them forth-  
 with to desist from any such unlawful undertaking but if notwith-  
 standing your Requisition they should still persist you are then to  
 draw forth the Armed force of the province and to use your best  
 endeavours to repell force by force, but as it is his Majestys Determi-  
 nation not to be the Aggressor I have the Kings Commands most  
 Strictly to enjoin you not to make use of the Armed force under  
 your direction excepting within the undoubted Limits of his Majes-  
 tys Dominions. and whereas it may be greatly conducive to his  
 Majestys Service that all his provinces in America should be aiding  
 and Assisting each other in Case of any Invasion I have it particu-  
 larly in Charge from his Majesty to acquaint you that it is his  
 Royal will and pleasure that you should keep an Exact Correspond-  
 ence with all his Majestys Governors on the Continent and in Case  
 you shall be informed by any of them of any Hostile Attempts you  
 are immediately to Assemble the General Assembly within your  
 Government and lay before them the necessity of a Mutual Assis-  
 tance & engage them to grant such Supplys as the Exigency of  
 Affairs may require. I have wrote by this Conveyance to all his  
 Majestys Governors to the same purpose

I am Sir your most Obedient  
 Humble Servant  
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The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.