Time, when the Common Safety so much requires the most effectual U. H. J. Measures to be taken to repel the hostile Invasions of the French who December 14 have now Advanced almost to our Doors

We should think ourselves unworthy of the Blessings We enjoy, if, on this Occasion, and at this Juncture when so many Motives Concur to Induce us we do not every thing in our Power, to convince your Excellency the hopes you have Placed in us are not in vain

We congratulate your Excellency upon the honour his Majesty has don[e] you in promoting you to the Command of the Combined Forces upon the Ohio and ourselves in being so honoured in our Governor, But We are Sensible which ever of his Majestys Colonies p. 525 had had the happiness of being Governed by Your Excellency would have been the object of his Majestys Choice

His Lordship the Lord Proprietarys Regard to you, and Inclination to promote your welfare and his goodness in contributing his Endeavours for the Restoration of the Peace and Tranquility of this and the Neighbouring Colonies demand our most grateful acknowledgements Your Excellencys Abilities are Sure Presages to us of Success; We earnestly wish it and that your absence may be as Short as Possible, and that you may return to us, after every Campaign in Safety and with Honour

Benj. a Tasker Presid. t

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning Adjourned till Monday Morning ten of the Clock

Monday Morning 16 Decem^r 1754 This house met again according to Adjournment

December 16

Present

 $\label{eq:continuous_problem} The \; Honb^{le} \left\{ \begin{matrix} Benjamin \; Tasker \; Esq.^r \\ Cof \; George \; Plater \\ Cof \; Charles \; Hammond \end{matrix} \right\} \begin{matrix} Cof \; Benjamin \; Tasker \\ Richard \; Lee \; Esq^r \\ Benedict \; Calvert \; Esq.^r \end{matrix}$

Adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning with the Addition of Philip Thomas Esqr