

giving Power to restrain the Service of Troops to a particular Spot, Whereby His Majesty's service must be impeded & cramped. The Attempt seem's offered in the copy of Bills proposed in the Lower House of Assembly, which Copy of Bills you transmitt'd me for My Observation. By the Plan of the Bills the Assembly Assumes to take into their Hands the Power & right of directing How such Troops as they would agree to Support should Act, It is presumtuously Invading the King's undoubted Progrative. Dorogate to the Power Given You by My Commission & the Milita Law of the Province to compell every individual to March to any Part when you My Leiutenant Governor may Judge their Service Nesessary, by the provincial Act of 1715, w.^h Act was revived & continued & has Duration by Act of Assembly made by the Legislature of the Province in 1722. I thank you for your Exemplification of the Laws of 1715 in your Answer the 5th of May last To the Address & Remonstrances of the House of Delegates dated the 17th of April 1758 And I approve of your Conduct & measure in defence of the Province by your Letters to the Colonels of Milita dated the 17th of Nov.^r 1757 & your Letter to Colonel Stanwix His Majestys Field Officer dated the 17 Dec:^r 1757 Also your Orders to Captain Casson Commander of a Company of Milita in Queen Ann's County to March to ffort Frederick And approve of your Conduct & Measures taken the 8.th of June, your Orders to two Captains of Militia to March their Companies to the said ffort And Do approve of your step relative, your taking the Opinion thereon of the Upper House of Assembly whose Loyalty Duty & affection to His Majesty's Honour & service appears to me manifest as well as their Just regard to My Government Guided under His most Sacred Majesty & directed by His Auspicious Rule of Government, My Principle of Action to go by.

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With Regard to the Copy of Opinion given to M^r Thomas Rent Roll Keeper of the East Shore Viz^t

Opinions of His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Governor of the Province of Maryland Col.^o Benj.^a Tasker Secretary of the said Province Col.^o Edw.^d LLoyd His Lordship's Agent, George Stewart Esq.^r One of the Judges of the Land Office & Stephen Bordley Esq.^r Attorney Gen.^l Authorized by an Instruction from His Lordship to sundry Questions proposed to them by William Thomas, Keeper of the Rent Roll of the Eastern Shore this 20th Day of December 1757

Of Lands returned to lye in Pensilvanie

It is the Opinion that where a Farmer takes the proper Steps to get the Rents but cannot succeed & the Surveyor of the County