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The SPEECH of the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Esq; - his Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA, to the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, on Thursday the 22d Day of August, 1754.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I AM very sensible the great Expence the Country is at, in frequent Meeting of the Assembly, but I am persuaded when you seriously consider the present dangerous Situation of our Affairs, you will agree with me, in the absolute Necessity of calling you together at this Time.

The ambitious Views of the French, for universal Monarchy, have been particularly Observed in Europe for many Years. They have for these last Seven Years been oppressing the British Subjects in the East and West Indies. His Majesty's Colonies on this Continent have been greatly disturbed with their repeated Incroachments: They began with the Northern Settlements, and are now carrying their unjust Designs to the Southern Colonies of the British Subjects.

What more immediately affects us, is, that in open Contempt and Violation of the Treaties now subsisting between the Crowns of Great-Britain and France; they have, unjustly, invaded his Majesty's Lands on the River Ohio, and with an armed Force taken a Fort, that, by his Majesty's Orders, I had directed to be built on that River; after which, they have committed the most violent hostile Act, by attacking our Forces, which were sent, by his Majesty's Commands, to build some Forts on his Lands near the River Ohio, and killed many of our People.

These Affairs, I hope, you will seriously consider; and I fear, this is only a Prelude to their further Designs of invading, and taking from us, the Lands we are now, and have been so long possessed of.

I could expatiate very largely on these Affairs, but my Heart burns with Resentment at their Insolence on the Dignity of the Crown, and disturbing the Quiet of this Dominion.

Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I think there is no Room for many Arguments to induce you to raise a considerable Supply, to enable me to defeat the Designs of these troublesome People, and Enemies to Mankind. I earnestly desire all Animosities may subside, that your Deliberations and Counsels, at this perilous Time, be distinguished by Loyalty, Duty to the best of Kings, and true-Patriotism for the Defence of your Country; which is now so much exposed to the Insults of a merciless Enemy.

The Expences to this Time, your Committee can inform you, and I believe the Money is wholly expended.

The conducting of the Expedition for the future, will require great Supplies, but surely the Necessity of our Affairs calls for it; and, no Doubt, it will be thought reasonable, to advance Part of what we are possess'd of, to save the rest.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

Never was a Time which more strongly called for your Unanimity and Dispatch; and as every Individual becomes now concerned in your Consultations, that you will exert yourselves on this Emergency, by granting Supplies equal to the pressing Occasions.

I pray, God may direct your Counsels for his Honour, and the Protection of your Country, by granting such Assistance at this Time, as to qualify me to repel the Force of the Enemy.

Gentlemen,

I have nothing in View, but the Prosperity, Happiness, and Safety of this Dominion; I there-

fore desire to assure you, that I will, with Cheerfulness, join in every Thing you may propose for these salutary Ends, consistent with my Instructions.

August 24, 1754.

To the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA.

The humble ADDRESS of the Council.

S I R,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, return your Honour our most sincere and hearty Thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.

As we are very deeply affected with your Honour's earnest and most expressive Representation of the present Exigency; and no less sensible of the real Concern, which your Honour has fully manifested for the Prosperity, Happiness, and Safety of this Dominion, We beg Leave to present you, Sir, with such unfeigned and zealous Acknowledgements, as ought to be the Result, and must necessarily flow from the most grateful Sense of such vigilant and beneficent Care of our dearest Interests.

The ambitious Views of the French, their open Contempt and Violation of Treaties, and their unjust Invasions of his Majesty's Territories, make our Hearts burn with Resentment: And we assure your Honour, that we look upon ourselves as bound, by every Tie of Loyalty, Gratitude and Humanity, cheerfully to concur in every Measure that will most effectually conduce to support the Dignity of the Crown, secure the Lives and Properties of our Fellow Subjects, and repel the Force of those perfidious People, and Enemies of Mankind.

Inspired by these Thoughts, our Counsels at this perilous Time shall be directed with all the Unanimity, Deliberation and Dispatch, which is due to the Importance of the Subject, Duty to the best of Kings, and true Patriotism for the Defence of our Country.

Your Honour's Journey to Winchester, which was undertaken with a View to cultivate the Friendship of the Indians, and thereby to strengthen our Western Frontier, could not but be attended with much Fatigue and Trouble: We therefore beg Leave to return your Honour our Thanks for this Instance of your unwearied Diligence in promoting the true Interest and Prosperity of this Colony.

We cannot but conclude with adding our most fervent Prayers to the Almighty Arbiter of Peace and War, that he would direct your Honour's Consultations, prosper your Endeavours, give Peace and Prosperity to this Dominion, and, in Order to that, long continue your Honour an Ornament, and an Happiness to us.

To which his Honour was pleased to return the following ANSWER.

Gentlemen of the Council,

I RETURN you my sincere and hearty Thanks for your kind and affectionate Address. It gives me much Pleasure and Satisfaction to find your strong Intentions to concur with me in defeating the unwarrantable Designs of the French, which requires the utmost Vigour and Dispatch.

I do assure you, Gentlemen, that I shall never think any Fatigue too much in the Service of my King, or that may tend to the Prosperity, and Safety, of this Dominion; and it is great Joy to me, to have Gentlemen of your Probity and good Sense to consult with on all Occasions, and that my Transactions meet with your Approbation.

August 26, 1754.

To the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of Burgesses.

S I R,

WE his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgesses of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, return your Honour our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session.

The Designs of the French to extend their Settlements across this Continent from the River St. Lawrence to the Mississippi, and to secure the same by Forts built at the most convenient Passes: The Spirit with which they carry on these Designs, and the Endeavours, at this Time, in Defiance of the most solemn Treaties, to bring them to Perfection, by invading this Colony, and repelling his Majesty's Subjects from those Lands, to which he has an undoubted Title, must create in us the highest and most becoming Resentment, at the same Time that they demand our most serious and strict Attention.

And, when we reflect on the fatal Tendency of these violent Depredations and Encroachments, that, if not timely prevented, they must be the Source of the greatest Mischiefs and Calamities, to all the British Dominions upon this Continent: We cannot at all Doubt, but that the other Colonies will exert themselves in a mutual Assistance, and unite with us in the common Cause. But whatever they may do, we are determined on our Parts, to withstand the impending Danger, and to pursue every Measure in our Power, to defeat these pernicious Attempts of our Enemies, that we may convince the World, we have nothing more at Heart, than a zealous Discharge of our Duty to the best of Kings, and the sincerest Regard for the Safety and true Interest of our Country.

To which his Honour was pleased to return the following ANSWER.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I THANK you for your Address. I am very glad that you so properly judge of the fatal Consequences that may follow the violent Depredations and Encroachments of the French.

I have Reason to expect a mutual Aid from our neighbouring Colonies; I have also earnestly wrote for, and intreated Assistance of Men, and a Supply of Ordnance Stores from Great Britain, in which I have great Hopes of succeeding.

It gives me Pleasure that you are determined to withstand the impending Danger, and pernicious Attempts of the French: If you cordially grant sufficient Supplies, I doubt not, with the Blessing of God on our just Endeavours, we shall be able to defeat the Designs of our Enemies.

L O N D O N, May 23.

LETTERS from the East Indies say, That the French, by their intriguing, have involved almost all the Dominions of the great Mogul in a War, and have introduced Disturbances in several Parts of Persia.

May 25. There are several British Ships taking in German Passengers at Hamburg, for his Majesty's American Plantations.

We learn from Genoa, that they are very anxious about the Sailing of certain Squadrons, and the Motions of certain Troops, which are conjectured to have in View the Island of Corsica; where the Malecontents have seized all the Genoese Estates, set a Price upon the Marquis Grimaldi's Head, and declared themselves a Free People. The Point is, to learn whether they have taken these Steps in Concert with any other Nation.

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June 20, 1754.
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