

Resolved that the said Matter be referred to be considered off in a full Council, being a thing of so considerable importance

August the 17th 1695. *Am*

The hono. Col^{le} Charles Hutchins & Col^{le} David Brown being added to the Council, the said Matter was again taken into serious debate and Resolved that an Answer to the said Govern^rs Letter be sent and that Cap^t. Thomas Tasker go wth the same according to Order of the last Assembly and that Instructions be drawn up for to direct him how to proceed in the said Affair, the which were prepared accordingly & the said Cap^t. Tasker sent for, New Road & signed by the Ex^{cy} & afterwards delivered into the Custody and Charge; The said Letter & Instructions follow in these words, Viz: *Am*

Whitehall

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Port of Amapolis, August 17: 1695. *Am*

Y^r of the 17th of June past I did not receive till about the middle of July, it not being sent by an Express the hono^{le} by M^{ty} Council of this Province living in the severall parts of it & some from the place makes it difficult to call them together & some of our Ships being but lately gone to the Collectors District & being a great way at Sea, the Bills of Exchange for the late Additional 3^d of the could not be got sooner, to save reason y^t I have not returned your Ex^{cy} an Answer before. This is to be presented to y^r Ex^{cy} by M^r Thomas Tasker, one of the House of Burgesses and Treasurers of the Province, who (according to an Order of our late Session of Assembly) was appointed to wait upon your Ex^{cy} when you sent bills for men or Money in Ord. to give you a just & full Acc^t. of the state of this his M^{ty} Province in relation to both thereof do desire you will give Credit to what he shall say *Am*

Govern^rs Letter to y^e Govern^r of New York sent by M^r Tasker relating to affairs of that place *Am*

Whitehall

The Royall Let^r of the late Ma^{ty} (of ever blessed & glorious memory) unto me directed of the 22th of August 1694. Viz: that a Quota or part of the Militia of this Province not exceeding 100 Men (but not Ord. that the said Men shall be paid & maintained by this Province nor be furnished wth arms or Ammunition, neither do I find by y^r Ex^{cy}s Let^r that you expect we should pay or furnish them) to the Measure of Assistance to be given the Province of New York, but your Ex^{cy} Writs for Officers as well as the Men here M^{ty} is graciously pleased in the same Letter to Order as follow, Viz: We having also given express direction to our said Govern^r or Commander in Chief of our Province of New York not to

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