

or require at any time a greater part of the said Quota
 or other Assistance from our said Province of Maryland
 than he shall in proportion demand or require of his
 respective Quotas of the rest of the adjacent Colonies,
 but you have not given me any intimation that you
 have sent for the whole Quota from the rest of the
 Colonies or Provinces in these Northern parts of America
 nor whether you intend to invade the Common Enemy the
 French, or expect to be invaded by them; for if you do of
 either I shall be obliged for the safety of this Ma^t
 Province to raise a greater number of men to guard our
 frontiers, w^{ch} are great & will be very chargeable & do
 all to the people's Crop of Tobacco w^{ch} will much diminish
 the Ma^t Revenue & upon the Trade & Navigation of England
 which are Endeavour'd to be promoted, though but weakly
 Y^{rs} Humble Serv^t

J^r. Nicholson

Governor of New York

Instructions for M^r Thomas Tasker one of the House of Burgesses
 and Treasurer for the Ma^t Province of Maryland

You are with all Expedition possible to go to New York & when please God
 you shall come there you are to deliver my Lett^r to the Ex^{ca} Benjamin
 Fletcher the Ma^t Cap^t Gen^l & Govern^r in Chief of the Province of New York
 and likewise to deliver unto him all the Bills rais'd upon the Additional
 Duty of 3^d p^{cent} payab^l to you, provided he don't expect the money w^{ch}
 Act was with much difficulty got to pass the House, and afterwards pass'd,
 what murmuring it made amongst the Merchants & Masters of Ships, w^{ch}
 I fear may cause some of them to leave off coming there, - And if they
 must have been, the very report whereof has already occasioned several
 Friends to go away, it is to be feared when they come to be actually rais'd
 it will occasion several more to desert the Province and so often the Ma^t
 Revenue considerably by means of the loss of quantity of Tobacco w^{ch} will
 be made for every man's labour pay'd to the Ma^t 10^d ster^l: a year or
 more. That the Lord Baltimore has about half the Revenue arising
 and becoming due w^{ch} in the Province.
 And if the said Rifed should be maintained by the Country, w^{ch} must be
 pay'd by a yearly tax of so much p^{cent} the said (together w^{ch} of Annual
 Charge the Country is already at) will amount to nigh a quarter part of the

M^r Tasker (publick)
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