

provided with Arms & Ammunition and where
lodged

His Excellency the Council do say that the Country
is pretty well supplied with Arms & Ammunition & that
his late Excellency Gov. Hutchinson took care to send coling
land exact acct of what was in the Country & how dispo-
sed of until his departure from this Government

His Excellency was pleased again to ask where the
Arms are Lodged & it is answered that they are distributed
to the several Counties & Lodged with the Commanders
in chief thereof

His Excellency asks the Board how the Militia
stand regulated & whether well regulated or not to which
they say they conceive they are not

Proposed by his Excellency that in regard the se-
veral Freemen of this Province are not provided with Arms
that it be proposed to the next Assembly that instead of
three Barrels of Indian Corn to be paid by every Master
to his servant when free, he supply him with a Gun of the
like Value which the Master shall actually be obliged to
deliver to the Freeman who is not to dispose thereof

Advised that the appointing & Commissioning
Military Officers be referred until the meeting of the
Assembly

His Excellency is pleased to communicate to the Board
one of his Majesty's Royal Instructions relating to the
Conversion of Negroes & Indians & says that he is infor-
med that several Masters hinder & obstruct their Negroes
who are Baptized from coming to Church & inquires if there
be no Law Providing therefore

To which it being answered that there is none Advised that it be recommended
to the Assembly upon their Meeting to redress the same