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Government found who were the only judges
of the said offence, were the same judges who gave
judgment in the provincial court the said offense
being and the Council being the judges of that
Court

— Now of his Majesty's collectors of Duties sent
to us Mr Christopher Crowley & after him Mr John
Price were ministered in the execution of their Office
and tho' they cannot say the same ^{absolutely} were chargeable
upon the Government

They do not know of any great applica-
tion made by that Government for Arms and am-
munition tho' they are very credibly informed by those
are several persons yet living that will attest the
same, being formerly kept taken by and paid to the
said Collector as part duty was intended by government
for the maintenance of their ^{the} defense of the Province
as was originally stated & written before Duties & not
part Duties which duty they humbly concur
doe of right belong to his Majesty and doubt not
in a short time to demonstrate the same

As we Pennsylvania they are sensible that the
Reducing & lessening arms have been an advantage
that Government has had above his Majesty's im-
perial Government but what advantages they have
made thereby they cannot judge but believe it has at
some time been the means to draw out the money from
his Majesty's Government to the Province but of
so long time & still do continue so late from this
Province to Pennsylvania