

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Governor

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His Excellency lays before this Board the following Papers and Letters in Relation to the French their building a Fort at Crown Point

New York 26. february 1731

Having received the enclosed Information of the Commission for the Indian Affairs at Albany dated 25th of Septem. last relating to the French Encroachm. on this his Majesty's Province by building a Fort on the King's Lands. I looked upon the same as a Matter of Great Consequence, not only to this but to all his Majesty's Provinces on this Continent; therefore laid the same before the General Assembly of this Province then sitting on 30th of Septem. the Instant, who thereupon resolved to desire me to lay the same before his Majesty and that I would order the said Commissioners of the Indian Affairs to employ fit Persons amongst the six Nations of Indians to dispose them to prevent the French from annoying or disturbing your Trade; and that I would acquaint the several Governours of the Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania therewith in as much as the said Attempt concerns them likewise, which I accordingly did

And in Answer therunto had sent me a Resolve of the General Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay a Copy whereof herein enclosed of 14th of January last together with a Letter from his Excellency the Governour of 16th of the s. month wherein he assures me of his Readiness to do what the Assembly had resolved

All which being communicated by me to the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council here, they resolved on 11th Instant to desire me to write to the Governour or Commanders in Chief of Virginia, Maryland, and New Jersey to advise them of the Premises & according to the Example of the Governour of the Massachusetts Bay they would be pleased to direct their several Agents in Great Britain to joyn with the Agents of this Province in any Solicitations or Representations that shall be made to his Majesty concerning the said French Encroachments

I have therefore thought it my Duty to inform your Excellency here of, not at all doubting but that you are well satisfied what the evil Consequences by such Encroachm. might be (We know not how soon) to all his Majesty's Provinces on this Continent; and therefore to request you that you would be pleased to send the necessary Orders to your Agent in Great Britain to joyn with ours and those of the Massachusetts Bay in a Representation to his Majesty and to beg his Royal Directions in this Behalf whereby the fatal Consequences of such and the like Encroachments may be prevented In Expectation of your Excellency's Answer and remain

The Gov. of Maryland

Your most humble Obedient servant  
Tho: Vassall