

Time directed by the said Proclamation to any Person in Possession of the said Surplusage Lands that did not make discovery (here) within the time limited and yet by the said Proclamation as they by will more fully appear and considering it maybe necessary I do hereby order and direct you with the Advice of my Lieutenant Governor and Chancellor on such Consultation having given him Orders to make in my Name Proclamation notwithstanding the Elapse of the said Time, to give Permission to the Possessor of such Lands to Resurvey and take up the said Surplusage Lands in such manner as with the Advice of shall be judged most Expedient and will best Show our Indulgence to the Inhabitants of our said Province But not to prevent the Benefit of the Discovery of Surplusage Lands to such Person who may be Intitled thereto by Virtue of my said Dear Fathers Proclamation

It is thought most expedient to suspend the issuing such Proclamation untill his Lordships further Order

There being large Tracts of Land as I observe Reserved for the Indians which the English have Encroached upon made Surveys & got Grants of them. and some, not stuck to deny, as I am Informed the payment of the Quit Rents, Alledging that they hold of the Indians it is my Order therefore that all these Reserves be erected into Manors whereby these Indians will be taken under my immediate Protection.

It is the Advice of this Board that the Attorney Generals Opinion be had in Relation to the said Article.

You are hereby Impowered to Lett the County Courts upon Leases the Ferrys over the Rivers in the several Counties within our said Province which would contribute to the ease of the Inhabitants the said County Court Paying such fines and annual Rents in Sterling Money to me for the same as shall be settled by our Lieutenant Governor & Chancellor our Judge of the Land Office, Secretary in our said Province and yourself and whoever shall presume to set up Ferrys in Opposition to such Leases are to be prosecuted for the same by our Attorney General of our said Province, and Discountinanced by all the Magistrates.

It is the Opinion of this Board that Application be made by the Agent to the County Courts as directed by the said Article and if the County Courts are inclinable to take the said Ferrys of the Agent that he then make the best Terms with them for his Lordships Interest he can.

At a Council held at the Governours on Friday the 11th Day of January in the third Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1754.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor
 The Honourable { Col Charles Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq.
 { Col Benjamin Tasker }