

me also that his Lordship had it particularly in Charge to let me know that it was his Majestys Royal will & Pleasure, that I should keep up an exact Correspondence with all his Majestys Governors on the Continent and in case I should be informed by any of them of any Hostile Attempts, that I should immediately assemble the General Assembly within my Government and lay before them the Necessity of a mutual Assistance and engage them to grant such Supplies as the exigency of Affairs may require

In Obedience to these Instructions I trouble you with this Letter to let you know that in case any Hostile Attempts shall be committed upon his Majestys Territories within the Limits of your Honours Government, for repelling of which that may stand in need of the Assistance of his Majestys other Colonies upon the Continent, I shall be ready upon my being informed of it by your Honour to do my duty within my own Government for procuring their due Proportion of Supplies upon the Emergency; and for this Purpose I shall be very glad to maintain a strict Correspondence with your Honour, pursuant to his Majestys Commands signified to me in the Earl of Holdernes before mentioned Letter. I am with great Esteem

S^r Your Honours most humbly most obedient Serv^t
Honourable Horatio Sharpe Esq. W Shirley

Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands Prorogued to the Day of next be further Prorogued to the first day of May next, and Proclamations issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the Governours on Wednesday the 13th day of February in the third year of His Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1754.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour
The Honourable Benjamin Dasher Esq. Col Benjamin Tasker
Col Charles Hammond Benedict Calvert Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter
William Burgh Virg. Jan. 29. 1754.

Sir Your kind Assurance of co operating with me in the common Cause for His Majestys Service gave me so much pleasure as a Zeal like that which inspired them ought to give and I now Address your Excellency the more cheerfully as I am persuaded of your Promptitude to contribute effectually to it The Progress of the French and their avowed designs make it necessary for me to Apply for your Assistance