

Whitehall 5th July 1754.

It is with a particular Satisfaction that I herewith send you his Majesty's Commission appointing you to be Lieutenant-Colonel of Foot in America with an allowance of 30 £ per day to be paid you by Mr Dinwiddie Lieutenant Governor of Virginia from the day that you leave your Government to that of your return. I am likewise to signify to you the Kings Orders that you should take upon you the Command of the combined Forces that shall be assembled in America to oppose the hostile Attempts committed by the French in different parts of his Majesty's Dominions and I am further to acquaint you with the Kings Pleasure that you should Repair as soon as may be after the Receipt of this Letter to Virginia in order to concert with Lieutenant Governor Dinwiddie the best Measures to be taken for the Execution of these his Majesty's directions and as you will find that Gentleman not only provided with Instructions from hence but likewise with a considerable Sum of Money to be applied to the Publick Service upon this Occasion you will be best able to settle with him a proper Plan of operation. in the execution whereof I most heartily wish you all possible Success, and I don't doubt but that you will carry on his Majesty's Measures in manner agreeable to his Royal Expectations I am

Your Most Obedient humble Servant

J Robinson

Upon reading the aforesaid Commission and Letter it is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to lay the same before the Assembly at their next Meeting.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board draw an Order on the Honble Col Charles Hammond Treasurer of the Western Shoar payable to Mr Henry Wall or Order for Twenty five pounds Sterling being his yearly Salary as Armourer of this Province ending the 29th September last to be paid out of the Money raised from the Duty of Three pence per hoghead for arms.

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 2 Day of January in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1755.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The honourable Benjamin Tusher Esq. Col Benj. Tusher Benedict Calvert

Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands prorogued to the fifteenth day of this Instant January be further prorogued to Thursday the Twentieth day of February next, and Proclamations issued accordingly.