

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of a special Court of Oyer and Terminer and Goal delivery for Charles County whereby it appears that they had passed Sentence of Death upon Negro Anthony and Negro Janny for consulting, conspiring & advising to Prison their late Master Jeremiah Chase and also one William Stratton for Poisoning his said Master Jeremiah Chase. Ordered that Death Warrant issue for the Execution of the said Negro Anthony and Negro Janny and also for the Execution of the said William Stratton, on Friday the fourth day of July next to be hung in Chains as near the publick Road as conveniently can be where the fact was committed; and also that they had passed Sentence of Death on Negro Jack for Attempting to Poison his Master Francis Clements Ordered that Dead Warrant issue for his Execution and likewise upon Negro Dick the Slave of Charles Courts for breaking & entering the Out-house of a certain George Keck and Stealing therefrom Thirty pound of Bacon, and it appearing to this Board that he had been a notorious offender & lately Pardon'd for an offence of the same kind Ordered that Dead Warrant issue for his Execution

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 10th day of July in the fifth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq. Domini 1755.

Present

- His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor
- The honourable { Benjamin Tasher Esq. Col Edward Lloyd
 { Col Charles Hammond Col Benjamin Tasher
 { Samuel Chamberlaine Esq. Benedict Salvort Esq.
 { Philip Thomas Esq. Col William Goldsborough

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the two following Letters

Sir I have this Moment received the melancholy Account of the Defeat of our Troops, The General killed and Numbers of our Officers, our whole Artillery taken. In short the Account I have Received is so very bad, that as please God I intend to make a Stand here, its highly necessary to raise the Militia every where to defend the Frontiers.

Your humble Servt James Innes
 Fort Cumberland July 11th 1755.

A True Copy of Col Innes's Letter signed Fairfax

I have sent an Express with the Original Letter to the Governor

Sir I herewith send your Excellency a Copy of my Letter to Governor Dinwiddie which is the fullest Account I am able to get. I am this Instant getting another Person and another horse to send out to the Army with directions not to return without some Accounts.

Fort Cumberland 13th July 1755

Your Excellency Most Obedt. & Able Servt
 James Innes

P.S. the Action is said to be on the 8th Current & within four Miles of the French Fort.

To the Honble. Hor. Sharpe Esq.