

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir, My Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> June brought you the Defencible Situation that I was left in here notwithstanding in all this time I have not seen the face of one single Person come here as Militia from either Virginia or Maryland either to strengthen the Defence of the Place or to be ready as Escorts for sending out with Provisions. Depending upon some Success I have from time to time detached party after party to the Army so that I have now very few real healthy men to do the duty

The Dismall news brought down here on the Eleventh Current Friday at Noon, obliged me to send it as it came to my Ears from Waggoners and such People I was surprised not to have some Messenger sent me from the Army with account that I might depend upon which obliged me to send a Boy on purpose next day and gave him one of the best and freshest Horses I had here and this Moment he is returned with much the same account. His Horse giving out he could proceed no further than the Little Meadows 25 Miles from this all the accounts I got from him is related by the Waggoners and much to the same purpose as at first that the General and many officers are killed and half of our soldiers with most of the Artillery taken by the Indians but not in this time having any accounts from the Army gives me hopes things cannot be so very bad with us.

However I think it highly requisite and full time that the Militia in the three Neighbouring Provinces should be immediately draughted and sent out to their assistance, Horses and Waggoners will be absolutely needful, Three or four thousand men will absolutely carry Victory before us when five times the Number in a little time hence will not do, all which I most humbly submit. you may depend as soon as I receive any accounts I shall forward them. You may likewise depend Please God I live I will do my best to maintain this Post. I am

Fort Cumberland  
13 July 1755.  
Your Hon<sup>ble</sup> Most Obedient humble Servant  
James Innes

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Governor Dinwiddie  
His Excellency is pleased to desire the Opinion of this Board Whether if the General has met with a Defeat it is then necessary to call the Assembly - Benjamin Tasher Esq<sup>r</sup>, Col Hammond, Samuel Chamberlain Esq<sup>r</sup>, Col Tasher & Col Goldsborough are of Opinion & advise his Excellency that the Assembly be called

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the fifth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1755.

Present

- His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor  
The Honourable { Benjamin Tasher Esq<sup>r</sup> } Col Benjamin Tasher  
{ Col Charles Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
{ Samuel Chamberlain Esq<sup>r</sup> } Col William Goldsborough  
{ Philip Thomas Esq<sup>r</sup> }

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Opinion of this Board Whether the Assembly should be now called or not, Resolved in the Negative.

His Excellency is pleased to ask the Opinion of this Board Whether if the Pennsylvania Assembly pass a Bill to raise Money for his Majestys