

Officers within your County to have the several men under their respective
 Commands frequently Mustered and disciplined / once at least in every fortnight
 for this three Months / and ready to march upon any emergency to serve his
 Majesty by defending that part of his Majesty's Dominions and their own parts
 and I do further strictly command and charge you and the several Officers under
 your Commands during the time aforesaid to put in force and see the Militia
 Laws of this Province strictly executed against such Persons as shall neglect their
 duty or disobey the lawful commands of their officers, and to the end the said
 Militia may be rendered fit and ready for service on occasion you shall as often
 as you shall see fit and at such times and Places as you shall judge most
 convenient review the several Companies under your Commands severally or
 together and upon their appearances diligently observe how well they shall
 be appointed and provided that you may be the better enabled to give me an
 Account thereof and you shall also direct the Captains of the several Companies
 respectively as often as they muster and discipline the men under their Commands
 to make you a Return of the Persons that shall attend at every such Muster and
 also send you the Names of those that may neglect to attend in order that you
 and one other officer may award Execution against such as shall neglect or refuse
 to appear in obedience to this and your Orders and you are moreover hereby required
 to Inclose the said Returns to me that I may be satisfied how punctually these
 my Orders are obeyed and upon any Alarm of an Enemys approach upon any
 Invasion or Incursion of the French or their allied Indians you are hereby
 authorized & directed immediately to summons such Troops or Companies as you
 shall see fit, and either lead or order them to march under the Command of some
 other officer against such Enemies and to resist or attack the Invaders as you
 think proper for the better security and defence of the Province and in case you
 or they make any such French or Indians Prisoners you are to convey them under
 a Guard to the County Prison and immediately send me Advice thereof as you
 are also required to do of every Occurrence likely to affect the Peace and Safety of
 this Province which shall come to your knowledge. Given under my hand this
 30th Day of May Anno Domini 1755.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday
 the 26th Day of August in the fifth year of his Majesty's
 Dominion Annoque Domini 1755.

Present

- His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor
 The honourable { Benjamin Tusher Esq^r } Lt Benjamin Tusher
 { Philip Thomas Esq^r } Benedict Calvert Esq^r

Several Letters and Papers being laid before this Board by his
 Excellency relating to the March of some French and Indians to the great
 Meadows and their Encampment there and also in relation to Lt Dunbar.