

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday
the 23rd Day of August, in the 6th Year of his Lordship's
Dominion, Annoque Domini 1756

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governour.

The Honourable } Benjamin Sashen Esq^r } Philip Thomas Esq^r
} Colonel Benjamin Sashen } Benedict Calvert Esq^r

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

Whitehall 13th March 1756

The Earl of Loudoun whom the King has appointed, Comm.
in Chief of all his Forces whatsoever in North America being preparing
to set out with all Expedition together with two Regiments of Foot, a Train
of Artillery, and a sufficient quantity of Warlike Stores, which his
Majesty has been pleased to order for the public Service in those parts; Jam
commanded to signify to you the Kings Pleasure, that you should be
ready to give his Lordship, and the Troops from England, all the Assistance
in your power on their Arrival in North America agreeable to the Orders
sent you in Sir Thomas Robinson's Letter of the twenty sixth of October
1755 and you will correspond with and apply to the Earl of Loudoun
on all Occasions in the same manner as you were directed to do with the
late Generals Braddock, and Major General Shirley.

It being of great Importance to the Kings Service that all possible
Incentives should be granted for the Encouragement of such Persons, as
may be inclined to enlist in the Kings Troops, it is his Majesty's pleasure
that you should particularly recommend it to your Assembly to make
provision out of such Funds as already exist, or may hereafter be
raised for the Kings Service, for repaying the Masters of such indentured
Servants as shall engage in his Majesty's Service, the Money paid by
the said Masters upon the original Contract, in proportion to the
time such indentured Servants have to serve, and you will at all times
discourage the harbouring, concealing, or assisting such as shall desert
the Service, and also use all means for discovering and apprehending
such deserters, you will likewise use your best Endeavours to prevent
on your Assembly to appropriate such parts of the Funds now raised
which shall be raised for the public Service to be issued and applied to
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