

And that you will in the mean time give Orders that the Militia of your Province should be properly armed and furnished with Ammunition, and have a standing Order to march to the Aid and Assistance of the Forces already appointed on the Requisition of the Commander of them, and that this Order should be more particularly given and enforced in such Parts of your Province as are most nearly situated to those Forces on the Passes through which the Enemy can enter without waiting for any further Orders from you. From your Zeal for the Public Service I cannot doubt of your complying with this Recommendation, and hope if the necessary Orders are given, and strictly obeyed by them to receive the same Benefit from your Militia that we did lately on the Enemy's Attempt on Fort William Henry from the Militia in the upper parts of this Country. I shall send a Copy of this to Col. Stanwix, to whom by Philadelphia I desire you will communicate the Orders you give, and to whom, that he may know what Officers of your Militia to call upon on any Emergency, and that you will likewise transmit a Copy to meet New York.

I am with great Regard.

Sr
Your most obed^t & humble Serv^t

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It is the Opinion and Advice of this Board to his Excellency that as the Assembly is but just prorogued it would not be of any Service to call them together again immediately but that the following Proclamation should issue, and that Letters be sent to the Colonels of Frederick & Baltimore Counties.

Maryland By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas the present Posture of Affairs, and the Situation of this Province makes it exceeding expedient and necessary that the Militia thereof should be trained and disciplined I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State to issue this my Proclamation requiring and commanding all Officers of the Militia within this Province to have the several Regiments Troops or Companies under their respective Commands frequently mustered and exercised once at least in every Month during the Summer, and to see that the Men's Arms are kept in good Order and fit for Service, that they may be prepared and ready to defend this Part of his Majesty's Dominions, and their respective Provinces, against any Invaders, and I do further direct and enjoin the several military Officers during the time above mentioned, to put in Force, and take Care that the Militia Laws of this Province