

Sir

Newark in Halifax Harbour 20 July 1757.

I herewith enclose a letter from one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State for your Honor. I beg leave to acquaint your Honor that I am come here with a Squadron of his Majesty's Ships to protect the Colonies and Trade of his Majesty's Subjects, and I shall be glad you will acquaint me whenever you can be of Service, and what you will likewise communicate to me any Intelligence you may get of the Enemy's Motions from time to time. It being of the greatest consequence that the Squadron under my Command in these Seas should be kept in a proper Condition in regard to being manred, so as always to enable them to meet the Enemy, who are very strong at present here, I must pray your Assistance in procuring Men for the Ships which are very deficient, occasioned by Sickness, and if not completed may be of the greatest Prejudice to the whole Station, I shall not doubt of your Assistance in this, as I have his Majesty's Direction for applying to you, and if Men can be supplied for the Fleet without impressing, you may be assured the Vessels of your Government shall pass unmolested, only in case any Vessel is found carrying off Men or belonging to the Men of War or Transports (as I myself know they have frequently done, the consequences will be greatly to their Prejudice, and they must submit to what will follow. I must pray your enforcing this in the strongest Manner, and am

Sir Your most obedient, humble Servant
 Fra: Holburne

The Deputy Governor of his Majesty's Province of Maryland, in America.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the sixth of November in the seventh year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoq; Domini 1757

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq; Governor

The honorable { Benjamin Tasker Esq; } Col Benjamin Tasker
 { Col Charles Hammond } Benedict Calvert Esq;
 { Sam: Chamberlain Esq; } Col Rob: Joachim Henry.

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board draw an Order on the honorable Col. Edward Boyd Treasurer of the Eastern Shore payable to Mr. Henry Hall a Order for twenty five pounds sterling, being his yearly Salary as Comauncer of this Province, and by the 29th of September last to be paid out of the Duty of 3^d p. the 100 for Wine &c.