

This Accident has happened / tho' I am certainly sure it is thro' the Mismanagement of
 the Officers, from the very first Orders / I hope your Excellency will excuse me when
 I say, I am determined never more to give any Orders of the sort for the future. Now
 as it seems an Inconsistency for any Man to hold a Commission that he will not
 fully execute, I shall with the greatest Pleasure retire, unless if agreeable to your
 Excellency, and shall be greatly pleas'd some more qualified Person supplies my
 place. Take the Liberty to wish your Excellency a great Deal of Happiness, and to
 say that I am with very great Esteem, your obed. humble Servant.

Kent County Mar: 27: 1750.

Rich: Lloyd

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the 21st
 Day of March in the seventh Year of his Lordships Dominion:
 Annoque Domini 1750,

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governour:

The honourable, Benjamin Tasker Esq: Col: Charles Hammond & Col: Tasker.

His Excellency is pleas'd to lay before this Board the following Letters.

Sir

New York March 15, 1750

By circular Letters from His Majesty's Secretary Pitt bearing Date at
 Whitehall Dec: 30, 1750, to all his Majesty's Governours on the Continent of North America
 from Pennsylvania inclusive to the southward, which Letters arriv'd here on the 11th
 Instant by the Squirrel Ship of War, and were immediately forwarded to you by
 Express from Lieutenant Governour Delancey, you will find Sir that the King having
 judg'd proper that the Earl of Loudoun should return to England his Majesty at
 the same time was pleas'd to appoint me to succeed his Lordship as Commander in
 Chief of the King's Forces in North America with the same Powers and Authorities, and
 you will likewise find that in Pursuance of that Appointment it was his Majesty's
 Pleasure that all his Governours on the Continent should apply to and correspond with
 me on all Matters relating to the King's Service in consequence of which Pleasure so
 signified to you and repeated to me I am to recommend to you to use your utmost
 Endeavours and Influences with the Council and Assembly of your Province to induce
 them to raise with all possible Dispatch as large a Body of Men within your