

At a Council held in the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 10th of May
Annoq. Domini 1762

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

Benjamin Tasker Esq. Stephen Bordley Esq. & John Ridout Esq.

His Excellency lays before his Board the following Letter and desires their Opinion and
advice thereupon

New York, 15th April 1762.

Sir,

As from several papers that have fallen into my hands I have undoubted
Proofs of the Enemy being supplied with Provisions from almost Every Port on the Continent
of North America; I must Represent to you the Necessity of putting an Effectual Stop to such
Intemperate Practices; particularly at a time, when there is the greatest Demand for Provisions
to supply the King's Troops, and as I am well Assured that there are Large Quantities in Store
in Several of the Provinces, kept up by the Merchants on purpose for Exportation, and
that very Large Supplies will be wanted for the Troops that are to Assemble on this
Continent for Immediate Service, I should Desire an Embargo on the Shipping, were
I not Averse to such a Measure, which might be attended with several Inconveniencies; and
as I think the preventing any provisions from being Exported, may answer the same End;
I must therefore Request you will be pleased to take such Steps as you think best for Effect-
ually prohibiting any kind of Provisions from being Shipped at any of the Ports within
your Province, Except for the abovementioned Services.

I have made the same application to the Governours of the several Provinces
nearest to this place, I have likewise Appointed Persons to Buy up the Provisions at
Market Price, for which Purpose I have Requested preps Warrants, to Oblige the Merchants
to Deliver what they have in Store at a reasonable rate, that the King's Service may be carried
on, and may not suffer for want of that most Essential Article.

I am with great Regard,

Sir,

Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

Jeff. Amherst.

Upon Consideration of the above Letter the Board tho they are persuaded that no