

Mr. Nicholas Lewis, Mr. George Muschamp, Mr. John Marshall, & Mr. John
 Machelster diddied to attend his Excellency's Council to acquaint them that the
 House is not ready to Prorogation & ready to receive his Excellency's Commands
 They return & say they have delivered their Message

The Honble Robert Smith & James Landon Esqrs from the Honble Council
 enter the House & acquaint Mr. Speaker that his Excellency commands him
 and the whole House to attend him immediately at the Council Chamber
 Whereupon the Speaker and the whole House adjourned to the Council
 Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to say to them as follows Viz

Mr. Speaker & Gentlemen Delegates,

It is very evident the treasona-
 ble villainous Practices of some among us has encouraged the Indians to
 commit their Barbarities on Our Fellow Subjects These by their frequent
 Insolences have put the Country to the Trouble & Charge of keeping Men
 out to protect the honest painful Inhabitants on that Frontier.

One great Motive these bold incendiaries used to inflame the unthinking
 Crew who were to join in concert with them was our Want of
 Ammunition, ill Arm'd summing specious Pretences to bring their secret
 Contrivance to an open Rebellion.

Gent. Now these necessary Matters come to be wanted on this or any other
 Occasion, I hope your tender regard for the Country's Safety will animate
 you to a strict Enquiry & can never believe any Time more proper to consider
 of it than when we are threatened by all sorts of Enemies abroad & Villains
 in our own Bowels which would enervate & unhringe your Constitution.

Gent. Her Majesty's Honble Council advised me to meet you at this Time
 that by the prudent Assistance of your well digested Considerations we may
 unanimously join to suppress every thing that dares disturb your Peace or
 the quiet Enjoyment of your Estates, Industry & Care which a steady Resolu-
 tion may now establish to your lasting Honour.

I am resolved Gent. during my Administration what her Majesty's her good
 People have so prudently set apart for the Defense of this Province shall
 be disposed of to no other Use whatsoever but for the Safety, Preservation and
 Quiet of every individual Member thereof

And I doubt not but these frequent chargeable Alarms will so invigorate your
 Resolutions we may be ever in a Posture to crush all sorts of Disturbances before
 they are formed into open Hostilities and dare assure you if you will adhere to
 some Methods I shall presume to lay down which shall neither be so burthensome