

At a Council held in the Council Chamber at the City of Annapolis on Saturday the fifteen Day of April Anno Domini 1732

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Present

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His Excellency Samuel Ogle Governor

The Hon- ble	{	Charles Calvert Esq <sup>r</sup>	} Col Richard Tilghman	
		Coll Will <sup>m</sup> Holland		Col Matthew Tilghman Ward
		Philemon Lloyd Esq <sup>r</sup>		Benjamin Tasker Esq <sup>r</sup>
				Philip Lee Esq <sup>r</sup>

His Excellency lays before this Board the following Papers and Letters in Relation to the French their building a Fort at Crown Point

New York 26<sup>th</sup> february 1731

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Having received the Enclosed Information of the Commissioners for the Indian Affaires at Albany dated 25<sup>th</sup> of Septem<sup>r</sup> last relating to the French Encroachm<sup>ts</sup> on this his Majestys Province by building a Fort on the Kings Lands. I looked upon the same as a Matter of Great Consequence not only to this but to all his Majestys Provinces on this Continent & therefore laid the same before the General Assembly of this Province then sitting on 30<sup>th</sup> of Septem<sup>r</sup> then Instant, who thereupon resolved to desire me to lay the same before his Majesty and that I would order the said Commissioners of the Indian Affairs to imploy fit Persons amongst the six Nations of Indians to dispose them to prevent the French from annoying or disturbing our Trade; and that I would acquaint the severall Governors of the Massachusets Bay, Connecticut, and Pensylvania therewith in as much as the said Attempt concerns them likewise, which I accordingly did

And in Answer thereunto had sent me a Resolve of the General Assembly of the Massachusets Bay a Copy whereof herein enclosed of 14<sup>th</sup> of January last together with a Letter from his Excellency the Governor of 16<sup>th</sup> of the s<sup>d</sup> month wherein he assures me of his Readiness to do what the Assembly had resolved

All which being communicated by me to the Gentlemen of his Majestys Council here they resolved on 11<sup>th</sup> Instant to desire me to write to the Governors or Commanders in Chief of Virginia, Maryland, and New Jersey to advise them of the Premises & to desire according to the Example of the Government of the Massachusets Bay they would be pleased to direct