

is become so Grievous to our people as the heavy Taxes ^{ch} have
hath drained our Country of the greatest Part of our Young
men who remove into other Colonies for ease I leave our Condi-
tion to your Excellency to recommend those things to your
Councill & Assembly for their Assistance against the Common
Enemy & remain

To his Excellency ^{fr} Your Excellencys most humble Serv^t
Coll^o Lionel Copley Captain Ben. Fletcher
Gen^l & Gov^r of Maryland

Ordered that a Letter in Answer be writ to the Gov^r of New
York signifying the receipt of his & the Councills Letters both ^{ch}
have been Communicated to the Councill here who are of opinion
very Inclinate to contribute to their Assistance as any of our
Neighbours & will in order thereunto Represent the same to
the Assembly (which is to meet the 20th May next) with as
much Zeal & Earnestness as possibly may be congratulating
also their happy Success in the defeat lately given the Enemy
& to render thanks to his Excellency the Gov^r for his kind
advice thereof

Ordered also that a Letter be Writ to the Governour of
Virginia giving him some advice of the Permisses as also in
Relation to the strange Indians at the head of the Bay & how
far hath been proceeded therein, & to inclose to him Mr Wain-
Sweningens & Turbevilles Depositions produced here this day
with the warrants of this Board thereon

A Letter to be prepared & drawn up for the Right Honble
the Lords of the Treasury concerning Mr Fitzhugh of Vir-
ginia setting forth that he being the Kings Officer & Collector
in that Colony came over into this Province to plead in the
Behalf of a false Trader against the King which being not
withstanding after some debate admitted & allowed of he