

Province of Massachusetts Bay.

U.N.B. ARCHIVES

November 16. 1702.

His Excellency sent a Message to the Representatives, desiring Mr. Speaker and the House, forthwith to attend him in the Council Chamber; and being come up, his Excellency acquainted them that he had but two things of moment to communicate to them at the opening of this Assembly - the one that of Her Majesty's Command for the building of a Fort at Pemaquid; and the other that of providing for the support of Government; neither of which they had brought to any effect: And acquainted them he had received Letters from Whitehall, by the Ship now arrived, & ordered the Secretary to read a Letter from the Rt. Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners for trade & Plantations of the 15th of September past, containing a direction to his Excellency in observance of his Majesty's express Order to move the Council & Assembly to erect a Fortification at Pemaquid &c. according to the projection of Col^l Rorer her Majesty's Engineer. And the said Letter being accordingly read by the Secretary, & afterwards enforced by his Excellency - his Excellency dismissed the Representatives to return to their Rooms.

Then His Excellency directed that the Report of the Committee, appointed to consider of that Clause in his Excellency's Speech which refers to the erecting a Fortification at or near Pemaquid, be again read at the Board - which was done accordingly. It is in the words following, viz^t.

Cambridge October 26. 1702. Having considered the present state of the late Fort at Pemaquid, which was the last Session of the General Assembly recommended to us by the Governor by her Majesty's especial Command, upon which we attended his Excellency to the Place. We are humbly of Opinion, that the Stones being already in place, the Ground already trenched, & the Foundation probably still good, and lime to be had near & easy - the General Assembly may in obedience to her Majesty's pleasure & direction therein, agree & Order that be a sum of money granted, to be paid in two Years, for the raising of

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