

has therefore intreated me to mention their Behaviour during their stay here, of six Months, which as far as I have understood, has been Decent, Orderly and proper

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
W^m Tryon

Governor Ward.

¹Samuel Ward (1725-1776) was born in Newport, Rhode Island, and began his political career in 1756 when he was elected to the Rhode Island Assembly. He was colonial governor in 1762, 1765, and 1766. He favored independence for the colonies, and it was while he was in Philadelphia attending the Second Continental Congress that Ward contracted smallpox and died. *Webster's Biographical Dictionary* (Springfield, Mass.: G. & C. Merriam Co., 1966), 1543-1544, hereinafter cited as *Webster's Biographical Dictionary*.

²[William?] Mills. For further identification, see William Tryon to the bishop of London, June 11, 1768, n.2.

William Tryon
to the Earl of Hillsborough

PRO CO 5/311, f. 114
PRO CO 5/328, ff. 40-41
MH-TLB, 216
A&H-TLB, 197

N^o 5.
Earl Hillsborough.

Brunswick the 15th June 1768.
[Received July 25, 1768]

My Lord,

I have the Honor to Transmit to Your Lordship a Return of the Grants of Land that were issued at the Court of Claims held at Wilmington in April last. These immediately follow the Patents that were granted in October Court one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.¹

I am, my Lord.

W^m Tryon

[Sent by the *Peace & Plenty*, Capt. Loring.]

¹The patents were enclosed and may be found in PRO CO 5/311, ff. 115-126.

Memorandum of a Letter from
William Tryon to the Board of Trade

MH-TLB, 216
A&H-TLB, 197

Brunswick the 15th June 1768

The Right Honorable The Lords Commissioners
for Trade and Plantations

Wrote their Lordships a duplicate of the above, inclosed a return of the grants of land and sent the same by Capt. Fuller of the ship *Anne* to Bristol.

William Tryon
to the Earl of Hillsborough

PRO CO 5/311, f. 126
PRO CO 5/328, ff. 41-42¹
MH-TLB, 216-217
A&H-TLB, 197
CR-VII, 791-792

N^o 6
Earl Hillsborough

Brunswick the 16th June 1768.
[Received July 25, 1768]

My Lord,

The Minutes of the Council I have herewith the Honor to Transmit to Your Lordship succeed the Minutes of the Council held at Wilmington the first of March last.

The Disturbances that have happened in the Counties of Orange and Anson are for the Present subsided, and as I am informed the Persons concerned in them, who stiled themselves Regulators for the purposes of correcting pretended Abuses of Power, intend, by an Address, to lay the State of their Grievances before me by Petition, which when received I shall be better able to inform Your Lordship of the particular Causes of their Commotions in which however no Mischief has hitherto been done. In the mean Time I shall take every Measure in my Power to secure and Punish some of the Ringleaders. In Anson County the Mob turned the Justices off the Bench during the sitting of the Inferior Court. In Orange County they, to the Number of five hundred, came to the out Skirts of the Village of Hillsborough with a Determination to release two of their Party² who were concerned in insulting a Sheriff in the Execution of His Office; These two Col^o Fanning with admirable good Conduct and Spirit, had taken with a Detachment of thirty Men from within the Heart of their Settlements; the Mob however were disappointed by the Resolute Behavior of Col^o Fanning, who with one hundred and thirty Men, all he could muster from his Regiment, made so good a Disposition and my Proclamation getting up the Day before the Mob reached Hillsborough they gave up their Design; and coming to a Resolution to lay their imagined Grievances before me they dispersed themselves. These Regulators declare, I am told, among other things, they are not satisfied with the Public and County Taxes and that it is not in Their Power to procure Specie or Currency from its scarcity to discharge them, under such Circumstances they have associated themselves together by solemn Oath, to prevent the Sheriffs levying on their Goods and Chattels; however I shall be better informed of the genuine Causes of the restless Disposition that prevails among the Inhabitants of several other Counties in the Province, tho' they have not Yet shewed

themselves openly, When I go up into the back Country among them, which I purpose to do next Week, for the hot Months.

If His Majesty in His Wisdom should grant the Address of this Colony for a Currency, I persuade myself the public Taxes would be collected without any Obstruction.

I am My Lord, with sincere Respect
Your Lordships
Most Obed't. humble Servant

W^m Tryon

[Sent by Cap^t Loring of the *Peace & Plenty*.]

¹ Enclosure noted: minutes of the council, March 29-May 17, 1768.

² William Butler and Hermon Husband.

Memorandum of a Letter from
William Tryon to the Board of Trade

MH-TLB, 217
A&H-TLB, 198

Brunswick the 16 June 1768.

The Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners
for Trade & Plantations

Inclosed Their Lordships a Copy of the Council Journals, with a Duplicate of the preceding Letter.

Sent by Capt. Roberson to Charles Town to go by the packet.

William Tryon to the Board of Trade

MH-TLB, 218
A&H-TLB, 199

Brunswick the 17 June 1768

The Commissioners for Trade & Plantations

In Obedience to an Instruction from His Majesty in Consequence of an Address of the House of Commons to the King of the 27 March 1766 I have the Honor to acquaint Your Lordships that there has been no new manufactures set up or carried on in this Government or any public Encouragement given thereto, since my Letter to Your Lordships of the 30 of January 1767 a Duplicate of which I have just Transmitted to the Earl of Hillsborough.

I am your Lordships &c.

Sent by the *Friendship*, Colson to Lynn.

The Earl of Hillsborough
to William Tryon¹

PRO CO 5/69, f. 185

Whitehall 21st June 1768

Sir,

It having been represented that the General Instructions, given by His Majesty to the Governors of the American Colonies, have, from a Variation in the State and Circumstances of the said Colonies, become in many Parts improper and unnecessary, or inadequate to the Object of them; I have The King's Commands to desire you will, with all convenient Dispatch, consider those given to You for your Guidance and Direction in the Administration of the Government entrusted to Your Care, and transmit to me, for His Majesty's Information, such Observations as shall occur to you upon those Articles, which may in your Judgement require such Alteration or Addition as may have the Effect to improve His Majesty's Interests and Revenue, add Strength and Dignity to His Majesty's just Authority, promote the Welfare of the Colony and give Facility to the Administration of Government, conformable to the Constitution, as it stands established by His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, and by such Laws as have been ratified by the Consent of the Crown.

The little Improvement which has been made in His Maty's Revenue of Quit Rents, notwithstanding the rapid Progress of Settlement, shews that either the Instructions given relative to this Object are imperfect or inadequate, or that there has not been sufficient Attention given to the due Execution of them, and therefore it will be your Duty to consider those Articles with particular Care and to suggest what shall in your Opinion be requisite to give them a greater force and better Effect.²

I am &c.

Hillsborough

¹ A circular letter to the governors of Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

² The final paragraph of this letter was read at a council meeting on December 23, 1768. PRO CO 5/350, 133-134; Saunders, *Colonial Records*, VII, 883.

William Tryon to the Regulators¹

PRO CO 5/312, ff. 126-127
PRO CO 5/312, ff. 61-62
A&H-GO
MH-CJ, 440-443
A&H-CJ, 388-391
CR-VII, 792-794

The Governor's Answ^r to the Address of the Inhabitants on the South Side Haw River in Orange County