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

No. 6

Earl Hillsborough

[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 Ring leaders. 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 Party who were concerned in insulting a Sheriff in the Execution of his Office; These two Col? 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? 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 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

William Tryon to the Earl of Hillsborough

No. 5

Earl Hillsborough

[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 at Wilmington in April last. These immediately follow the Patents that were granted in October Court one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven.

I am, my Lord.

Wm Tryon

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

1 The 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

Brunswick the 15th June 1768

The Right Honorable The Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations

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

Wm Tryon

Governor Ward.

1 Samuel Ward (1725-1766) 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.
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

WM 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

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

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 Tryon

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 Government, 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, con-
formable 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.

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.

William Tryon to the Regulators

The Governor’s Answ! to the Address of the Inhabitants on the South
Side Haw River in Orange County