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Biographical/Historical Information

John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore (1730 – February 25, 1809), was a British peer and colonial governor. Murray succeeded his father in the earldom in 1756 and sat as a Scottish Representative Peer in the House of Lords from 1761 to 1774 and from 1776 to 1790. He was the British governor of the Province of New York from 1770 to 1771 and the Virginia Colony, from September 25, 1771 until his departure to New York on New Years Eve, 1776. During his term as Virginia's colonial governor, he directed a series of campaigns against the Indians known as Lord Dunmore's War. The Shawnee were the main target of these attacks, and his purpose was to strengthen Virginia's claims in the west, particularly in the Ohio Country. However, some have accused him of colluding with the Shawnees and arranging the war to deplete the Virginia militia and help safeguard the Loyalist cause, should there be a colonial rebellion.

Scope and Content

Concerns the alarming state of rebellion in the colony and the English Parliament's reaction. Mentions an address of Parliament given 7 February 1775, agreeing to consider the colonists' grievances. Request the colony to fulfill its obligations. Recommends paying officers and men who recently repelled an invasion of Indians. Printed document; published by Alexander Purdie.

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