

Lib. C. B. Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that the present General Assembly which stands prorogued to the second Tuesday of March next be further prorogued to the last Tuesday in April next, and Proclamations issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency the Governor in the City of Annapolis on Friday the 13th Day of March in the 26th year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1740

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor

The honourable { Benjamin Tasker Esq^r
Cot Charles Hammond

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Letter received by him from the hoñble the President of Virginia, which Letter is as follows

Sir

The Masters of the Ships in Our Trade, having unanimously applied to me and the Council, representing, that by Reason of the severity of the Weather, they have not been able to bring more than a very small Part of their Lading on board their ships, of which We were very sensible, & consequently, of the impossibility of their being ready to sail by the 26th of the last Month, which Day Captain Lloyd of his Majesty's Ship the Winehester, on whom their only Expectation of Convoy depended had prefixed for leaving this Colony: We therefore interceded with him to defer his Departure as long as possible; who, upon our pressing the Danger the Virginia Fleet would be exposed to, and the Consequences that might attend their falling into the hands of the Enemy, at last, agreed to stay here 'till the 20th of April, whereupon We thought proper to lay an Embargo upon all Ships and Vessels bound for Great Britain until that time. Captain Lloyd will take under his Convoy all such Ships as shall then or before join him in Kiquotan Road in James River which is appointed for their Rendezvous

That the Maryland Ships may have the Advantage of the same Convoy, the Council thought it adviseable, that what we had done for the Security of those from hence, should be communicated to You; that so, you May, if you think fit, recommend it to, or oblige the Masters in your Government