

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency in the  
City of Annapolis on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October in the  
Fourteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion of Annapolis  
Dm. 1728

Was present

His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governour

ARCHIVES  
OF THE STATE OF  
MARYLAND.

Honble }  
Col. Rich<sup>d</sup>. Tilghman }  
Col. Matthew B. Ward }  
John Rowby Esq<sup>r</sup>. }  
Bonf. Tashor Esq<sup>r</sup>. }

Phillip Lee Esq<sup>r</sup>. }  
Nicholas Lowe Esq<sup>r</sup>. }  
Charles Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>. }

Members of his Lordships Honble Council

His Excellency lays before this Board a Seditious & scandalous paper  
which he is Informed hath been Dispersed in Prince Georges County Viz<sup>t</sup>

Countrymen  
& friends

It is past Doubt that the present State of the Country  
"Might with facility be remedied (that is) by a Law for a Tobacco  
Law) 'tis miserably known how much 'tis wanting / were honestly used as  
"tis pretended now a sincere & hearty Attachment to our selves & posterity  
"can't be better Demonstrated then by pushing Vigorly while the Gap is  
"Open therefore as an Expedient / my honest Country men / Let us meet at  
"Queen Ann Down on Munday the 28<sup>th</sup> of this Instant to assert our Rights  
"Armed in a suitable Manner to our good & honourable Intentions we  
"Desire it may be Published.

"20. October. 1728

And Desires the Advice of this Board what is Necessary to be done relating  
thereto, who are of Opinion that it is highly reflecting on the Legislature of this  
Province and that Proclamations ought to Issue immediately requiring the  
severall Officers both Civil & Military in Prince George & Annapurndoll Counties  
to have a faithfull & watchfull Eye over the peace thereof and that his Ex<sup>ty</sup> by  
the same Proclamation Offer so reward to any person that shall Discover the  
Author or Dispersor of the said Paper so as they be Convicted thereof by due  
Course of Law which Proclamation being prepared Read & Agreed to by this  
Board, is as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Maryland<sup>ts</sup>

By his Excellency Benedict Leonard  
Governour and Commander in  
the Province of Maryland