

place appoynted in each County for the solemnizing the birth of the prince aforesaid. And also that all Masters of shippes or vessells in each river creeke or harbour in this province on the dayes aforesaid spread their flaggs discharge their cannons & give all other demonstrations of joy they are capable of Also it is comanded and required That all persons whatsoever as well masters as servants and slaves on those dayes abstaine from all bodily labour. And lastly to the end that all persons may be put in mind of their duty herein Wee doe comand the respective sheriffs of the severall Counties within this province That they and every of them doe forthwith cause this our proclamation to be publickly and distinctly read and proclaymed at their severall Court houses churches chappells and other publick places in their severall Counties that all persons may take notice thereof and give due obedience thereunto Given &c.

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To the Kings most Excellent Ma^{tie}

The humble and congratulatory address of your Ma^{ties}' most Loyall Subjects the Deputy Leiu^{ts} principall Officers Civil and Millitary and other the Inhabitants of your Ma^{ties} province of Maryland under the Governm^t of the R^t Hon^{ble} Charles Lord Baltimore etc by whose hands the same most humbly presented.

Dread soveraigne

We cannot sufficiently adore and praise the divine goodnesse who hath not onely been graciously pleased to place your sacred Ma^{tie} our onely rightfull lawfull leige lord and soveraigne upon the throne of your Royall progenitors (the malignity of your Enemies notwithstanding) but more inestimable and unspeakable blessings are hereby poured upon us by your August Government and now in a more especial manner (To make bold with the words of the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords of your Ma^{ties} most hon^{ble} privy Council) in that it hath pleased Almighty God to blesse your Maj^{tie} and your Royall Consort the Queen with the birth of a hopefull sonne and your Ma^{tie} Kingdomes and Dominions with a Gracious prince.

In consideration whereof albeit wee your Ma^{ties} most loyall and faithfull subjects soe soone as wee received this happy newes Endeavoured to Celebrate the same with all possible joy and acclamation by open proclamations and other demonstracōns of thanks and praize to Almighty God and of love and Zeale to your most Excellent Maj^{tie} we were capable of. Yet as wee cannot doe too often soe we have presumed by this meanes and way further to expresse our unfeigned and hearty thanks to the divine province for this soe greate a blessing. And with all dutiful allegiance cordially to Congratulate your Sacred