

prayers for the Royal Family in such manner as Your Ldp Letter Bk. IV
was pleased in Your Instructions to require; Copies of which
proclamations & Declaration are likewise sent to every County
to be published there in the most solemn manner; & I have
ordered that the proclamation for altering the prayers be pub-
lished in every place of Worship. Having thus complied to the
utmost of my power with Your Ldp's Requisition I entertain
hopes that my proceedings will meet with Your Ldp's Appro-
bation, & that Your Ldp will ever believe that I am with pro-
found Respect My Ld Y^r Ldps faithful & most devoted Serv^t

[Sharpe to Calvert.]

Annapolis the 28th Jan^y 1761 transmitted by Capt Newman.
Sir

Being told that there is a Ship just about to sail from Chop-
tank for London I embrace the Opportunity to inform you that
Your Lett^r of the 30th of Oct^r last advising me of the Demise
of His late Majesty the good old King of blessed Memory
together with His Ldp's Instructions of the same Date, a Copy
of the gracious Declaration that His present Majesty was
pleased to make in Council upon his Accession, a Lett^r from
the Lords of His Majesty's privy Council to the Ld Prry with p. 160
a Form of a Proclamation to be published in this Province,
& his Instructions with an Order in Council annexed directing
an Alteration to be made in the Prayers for the Royal Family,
having been brought to me by Express from Phila^a last Friday
Evening (being the 23^d Inst) when all the Gentlemen of the
Council who reside in Town (except M^r Dulany who declined
coming) happened to be assembled at my House I laid the
same before them & it having been thereupon Resolved that
His present Majesty King George the Third should be pro-
claimed in this City the Tuesday following at Twelve oClock,
the same was notified to the absent Members of the Council,
the Gentlemen of the Corporation of Annapolis, & the Justices
of the Peace for Ann Arundel County who were desired to
attend the Ceremony as were also the Commanding Officers
of the City & County Militia with their several Troops &
Companies. In the mean time M^r Ross was ordered to pre-
pare the Proclamations &c. that were to be published in this
City & also proclamations &c to be sent to the Sheriffs of the
several Counties with Dedimus's from the Secretary's Office
requiring all Magistrates & Officers throughout the Province
to take the Oaths to His present Majesty -Yesterday then
being the Day appointed for proclaiming His Majesty in this
City at 11 oClock the Armourer begun & fired 34 Minute