

Letter Bk. IV Guns from the Battery (the Colours or Flag being hoisted half Staff high) & about noon several Gentlemen of the Council (who had met the Day before & together with Myself taken the Oaths to His Majesty King George the Third) several of the County Justices, the Members of the Corporation & many other Gentlemen having assembled at my House we went thence in procession (being preceeded by four Deputy Sheriffs with white Wands) to the Stadt House Hill where the City Company & some of the County Militia being drawn up received us with Rested Arms, & after a few Minutes His

p. 161 Majesty King George the Third was proclaimed by us on the Parade in the Form of Words directed by the Lds of Trade, as soon as the proclamation was read There were three loud Shouts of Long live King George the Third, then (the Flag having been hoisted quite up) a Royal Salute of 21 Guns was fired from the Battery & the Militia fired three Vollies; After which was read His Majesty's most gracious Declaration in Council upon his Accession & then the Battery & Militia fired three Salvoes. Afterwards were published the King's proclamation continuing Officers, & also a Proclamation issued by me in pursuance of His Majesty's Instructions for making the Alterations directed in the prayers for the Royal Family (which will be also published in all places of Worship) & then having drank His Majesty's Health (for w^{ch} purpose wine & punch had been brought on the parade) the principal Gentⁿ who attended on the Occasion returned & dined at my House & when His Majesty's Health was drank again after Dinner the Battery fired another Royal Salute. Could the Gentlemen of the Council who reside in the Country have come hither & been present at the Ceremony of the proclamation we should probably (at least I would have proposed it) have immediately joined in an Address of Condolance & Congratulation to His Majesty to be presented as His Ldp should think fit, but as Col^o Hammond & M^r Thomas are confined by Sickness & the other Gentlemen could not well come to Annapolis at this time on Acco^t of the Weather which hath been very severe, this Affair must be postponed a while till we know whether the Assembly is to meet again this Spring or not, for if that is to be the Case the Lower House might perhaps take it amiss were we to address His Majesty without giving them an Opportunity of joining with us. Inclosed is a Copy of a Letter that I lately received from M^r Pownall Secr^y to the Board of Trade by which you will perceive that I am required to transmit to their Ldps under the Great Seal three or four printed Copies of the Acts of Assembly now in force in this

p. 162 province which you know are not to be procured, & to have so many Setts transcribed from the Records in the same