

By his Ex^{ncy} the Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca} a Proclamation.

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Maryland: ss ffor a Publick Thanksgiving.

A Proclama-
tion for a
Publick
Thanksgiv-
ing &^{ca} Whereas the hon^{rb}le Sr Thomas Laurence Baron^t
Secretary of this his Ma^{ts} province (being lately
Arrived) hath brought the certain intelligence and
happy news of his Ma^{ts} good health and of the
Kingdoms being setled in peace and tranquility Since the
Barbarous conspiracy intended against his Ma^{ts} Sacred Person
and the designed invasion of the ffrench; of his Ma^{ts} Safe
Arrivall in fflanders, together with the News of the happy
Return of the ffleet from the Straits and the Strong Union
both of the Armies and ffleets continued with the confederate
Princes; All which inestimable Blessings require our publick
acknowledgm^{ts}. And fforasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty
God of his infinite goodness to Add to all these his rich mercies
the favour of seasonable weather, whereby plentiful Crops
both of Corn & Tobacco are (this year) likely to be made
within this Province, the ffleet being also here Safely Arriv'd;
and duly considering that such great & public Blessings doe
call for public and Solemn acknowledgm^{ts}. I have therefore
thought fit (by the Advice of his Ma^{ts} hon^{rb}le Council) to issue
this my Proclamation, hereby appointing & Comāding that
a Gen^{ll} thanksgiving to Almighty God (for these his mercy's
and ffavors) be observed on the Morrow being the 17th of this
instant September, by the Generall Assembly of this Province
within the Port of Annapolis now convened, and by all the
inhabitants and others then and there residing or Sojourning,
& in the Severall Counties & all other places of the province,
on the 22^d day of Octob^r next strictly charging all his Ma^{ts}
Loving Subjects within the Same to abstain from Servile and
Corporall labour on those days and Religiously to keep the
same, and that the Minist^{rs} of the Severall parishes do then
read Divine Service and Preach as they will answer the contrary;
And to the End due Notice hereof may be given I do
further Command the Severall Sherriffs of the Province to
make proclamation hereof in all churches chappells and other
publick places of meeting within their respective County's.

Whitehall

Given at the port of Annapolis under the Broad Seal of the
province this 16th day of Septemb^r in the Eighth Year of the
Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the Third &^{ca}
Annoq Domini 1696.

God Save the King. ffr. Nicholson.

The hon^{rb}le Coll: Nich^o Greenberry Came & was Aded.

Whitehall

Produced and Read his Ma^{ts} Royall Warrant from
Whitehall for Mason and Burleys Pardon; Ordered
that the same be delivered to M^r Attorney and

Mason &
Burley's
Pardon &^{cca}