

25<sup>th</sup> day of May in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of his Lordships the Lord Lib. X.  
Proprietarys Dominion &c Annoq Dni 1728

Were Present

His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor

the honble	{	John Hall Esq <sup>r</sup>	}	Members of his Lordships honble Council
		Col <sup>o</sup> Richard Tilghman		
		Philip Lee Esq <sup>r</sup>		
		Nicholas Lowe Esq <sup>r</sup>		
		Charles Calvert Esq <sup>r</sup>		

His Excellency is pleased to Acquaint this Board that the Fruits of the Earth have been very much destroyed by Great Numbers of Caterpillars which have Overspread this Province and that the people are Apprehensive of Greater Danger to Come whereupon it is the Opinion of this Board that a General Fast be proclaimed throughout this Province on the third Friday in June next as a means to Avert such an Impending Iudgment which proclamation issued and is as follows

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By his Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor and  
Commander in chief in and over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation for a fast

Whereas the present Great Scarcity of Corn our necessary Subsistence the many late Losses of Hogs Cattle and other Stock and the numerous destroying Caterpillars which have infested our woods are such signal and Grievous distresses to the People of this Province that they may be justly deemed a Visitation from the Almighty God for our manifold Sins against him the Sence whereof should induce us to a publick and sincere humiliation of ourselves before the Great God to whom Vengeance belongeth that he may not suffer his whole displeasure to arise against us to the end therefore that so timely and necessary a duty may be the more unanimously perform'd throughout this province I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Ldshps Council of State to issue this my Proclamation & I do hereby strictly Charge and Command that the third Friday in June next be Observed as a day of General and publick fast and Humiliation throughout this Province and I do Earnestly Invite and Require the Inhabitants of this province to be religiously and strictly Observant of the same as they tender the favour of Almighty God & on pain of suffering such punishment as may be Iustly Inflicted for the Contempt or neglect of so necessary and Religious a duty and for the more solemn performance of the

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