

Lib. M. persons therein Concerned may be brought to Condign Punishment, for such their Disturbance of the good Rule, Peace and Government, of this Province; And for the better Discovery of the Authors and Dispersers of the said papers, I do hereby (by the Advice aforesaid) Offer and Promise the Summe of Fifty Pounds Current Money to any person or persons that shall make Discovery before some Magistrate of any Author or Authors, Disperser or Dispersers, of the Papers as Aforesaid, so that the said Offender or Offenders, shall be Convicted thereof by Due Course of Law; And I do hereby Strictly Charge and Command the Severall Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation Imediatly publick in their respective Countys (in the Vsual manner) that all persons may yeild Due Obedience hereto, as they will Answer the Contrary at their Perils. Given at the City of Annapolis this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of October, In the fourteenth year of his Lordships the Lord Proprietarys Dominion &c Annoq Dm. 1728 Which Isued to Ann Arrundell & Prince Georges Countys Accordingly

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October Anno Dm: 1728

Was Present

His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governour

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Members of his Lordships Honble Council

M<sup>r</sup> John Abington of Prince Georges County being sent for Appears at this Board and being shewn the Scandalous Seditious paper lately Dispersed in the said County Declars he knows not the hand writeing but had before seen one of the same purport which he believed to be the handwriteing of Prat of the County Aforesaid and being Interrogated what he knows of the said paper makes the following Deposition Viz.

“On Wednesday last was Sevenight comeing from my  
 “Store at Rock Creek I meet with John Allison about half a  
 “Mile from the Ferry on Rock Creek side, I askt him what  
 “news from Annapolis (understanding he came from Patuxent)  
 “he told me he could not tell, but I might know if I would  
 “Look on a Note he pin’d up at the Ferry Landing on a Tree