with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State thought fit Lib. C. B.
to issue this my Proclamation notifying the same to all Sheriffs Magistrates and others his Lordships Officers in this Province And I do further Will and direct that all Officers both Civil and Military execute and discharge the several Trusts and Duties in them reposed and enjoyned by the present respective Commissions to them granted until such time as my further Pleasure and directions shall be signified therein

Given At the City of Annapolis this 23d day of August In the Sixteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second and in the twenty eighth Year of his Lordships Dominion &ca Annoq Domini 1742

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At a Council held in the Council Chamber at the City of Annapolis on Saturday the 28th day of August in the twenty Eighth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1742

Present

His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esqr Governor

The honble { Benjamin Tasker Esqr, Edmund Jenings Esqr, Col James Hollyday } { Col Charles Hammond, Col James Harris, Samuel Chamberlain Esqr, Philip Thomas Esqr }

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint this Board that His p. 176
Lordp desires to assure them of the just Sense He has of, and real Value & Confidence he places in their Resolutions for his Honour, and the true Interest of the Country, and that as He has no other Aim but to make the Province happy, so He has no Doubt but that They will continue to concur in every Measure conducing to so good an End, and that None can be more effectual than a proper Support of Government in all It's Branches.

His Excellency having communicated to this Board a Report made to him by the Justices of Charles County of their having passed Sentence of Death upon two Negro Men, named James & Zeno belonging to Mr Henry Hawkins for Felony, and also a Recommendation of the said Justices to his Excellency, that the abovementioned Negroes are Objects of Mercy, they not having before this Instance been charged with any Felony; It is the humble Advice of this Board that his Excellency be pleased to order Pardons to issue for the said Negroes James & Zeno, which by his Excellencys directions issued accordingly

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that the present General Assembly which stands