

Ordered that the several Officers of the Militia of S^t Marys Lib. C. B County take particular Care that No Roman Catholick be for the future enrolled or mustered among the Militia of the said County and that if any of the Publick Arms be in the Possession of any Roman Catholick, the Colonel of the said County is hereby desired to oblige the Person in whose Custody such p. 217 Arms are, to deliver the same to him

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 5th day of June in the thirtieth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1744

Present

His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor

The hoⁿble { Benjamin Tasker Esq^r } Col Charles Hammond
 { Edmund Jenings Esq^r } Philip Thomas Esq^r
 { Col James Hollyday } Daniel Dulany Esq^r

The following Addresses being prepared are read and approved of

To the Kings most excellent Majesty

The Humble Address of the Governor and Council of
Your Majestys Province of Maryland

May it please Your Majesty

Their Excellencies The Lords Justices having by their several Orders of the 15th of August and 3^d of Septem^r last past directed the Lieutenant Governor of this Province "To employ "the most effectual Means for putting this Province into the "best Posture of Defence, and into such Condition as to be "able not only to repell the French forces if they should attack "this Province, but likewise, if it should be necessary to attack "them" We your Majestys most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Lieutenant Governor and Council of the said Province most humbly beg Leave to approach your Majesty with this Representation of the Difficulties and Obstacles We have met with in Our Endeavours to comply with these Orders from Those, who being the Representatives of the People in Assembly, Either from a Mistake of their Duty to your Majesty and the true Interest of their Country, or from private and popular Views, inconsistent with both have for some years past made Opposition and Clamours against This Government and the Administration thereof their Principle Rule and Direction in all their Consultations and Debates p. 218

These Gentlemen, May it please Your Majesty, actuated by such principles, and well knowing how necessary the De-