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His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor
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Edmund Jenings Esq^r } Philip Thomas Esq^r
Col Charles Hammond } Col Benj. Tasker.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Letter he received from William Shirley Esq^r Governor of New England informing him of the Reduction of Cape Breton to his Majesty's Obedience, and desiring the Assistance of this Government towards the Defence and Security thereof, which being read It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that He order a Proclamation to be prepared to require the Meeting of the Assembly on the fifth of August next, which being drawn and approved of issued as follows. p. 242

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By his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor &
Commander in Chief in and over the Province of
Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas the present General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the first Tuesday in September next being the second Day of the same Month, But forasmuch as the Town of Lewisburgh on Cape Breton has been lately taken from the French and reduced to his Majesty's Obedience which is a very great Security to the Trade of the British Colonies on the Continent of America, and of such Importance to France, that It cannot be doubted but that the French King will use his Utmost Efforts to retake it, which Nothing can prevent unless the Place be immediately supplied with Men Ammunition and Provision to defend it till a sufficient force can arrive from Great Britain for that Purpose; And that his Excellency William Shirley Esq^r Governor of New England hath applyed to me for Assistance, which Assistance to be given by the Assembly, To the End therefore that no Delay may be given to any Supplies that the Assembly may think fit to give on so very important and pressing an Occasion I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State by this my Proclamation to notify and publish that the General Assembly of this Province meet and be held at the City of Annapolis on the fifth Day of August next and that All the Members of Both houses personally attend at the time and Place a^d to consult of the necessary means for performing the same And I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my