

loyalty towards his most sacred Majesty King George or to Lib. C. B.  
the Interruption of the Peace and Quiet of this Province

As Nothing can give greater Alarms to his Maj<sup>ty's</sup> well affected Subjects than frequent Meetings of People and Negroes under Pretence of divine Worship, I cannot discharge my Duty if I do not acquaint you It is expected your Religious Duties be complied with (as they surely may) without such Concourse of People as may give Suspicion of something else being designed than a bare Exercise of Religion.

24<sup>th</sup> April 1746

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Ordered by His Excellency the Governour that the following Proclamation issue

Maryland ss.

By His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland.

#### A Proclamation

Whereas a most wicked and unnatural Rebellion has been carried on in Great Britain in favour of a Popish Pretender to his Majestys Crown and Kingdoms, And Whereas by the Blessing of Almighty God and his Majestys Endeavours the same is now happily defeated I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to publish and declare that Wednesday being the fourteenth of June next be appointed a Day of Publick Thanksgiving for the happy Period put to a Rebellion so wickedly begun and carried on, and to joyn in Prayers to Almighty God to continue his Blessings to his Majesty's Royal Person and Family, And I do strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation publick in their respective Counties, and also to give Notice to the Clergymen of the several Parishes in their said Counties of this my Proclamation that they may act conformably thereto as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the 32<sup>d</sup> year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1746

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April in the 32<sup>d</sup> year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1746