Day to have met at the City of Annapolis be further prorogued Lib. C. B. to Tuesday the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant and Proclamation issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the house of his Excellency the Governor in the City of Annapolis on Monday the 28th Day of December in the 33<sup>d</sup> year of his Lordps Dominion Annoq Domini 1747.

## Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup> Edmund Jenings Esq<sup>r</sup> Col Benjamin Tasker.

Upon reading and considering the Letter of Governor Shirley & Commodore Knowles laid before this Board by his Excellency on Tuesday the first Instant, It is the humble Advice of this Board that his Excellency be pleased to send the following Answer thereto.

## Gentlemen

On Receipt of your Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, which did not come to my hands till the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, and in Obedience to his Majestys Pleasure signifyed by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle in his Letter to your selves of the 30<sup>th</sup> of last May I called Our Assembly, to whom I communicated his Majestys Expectations, and their Result you will find in the Copy, which I now inclose, of their Address to me on that Subject

The Enlistments were made during the Administration of M<sup>r</sup> Bladen, and none of the Officers of the Troops raised here being now in this Province I am incapable of returning you the particular Account you desire of the Muster Rolls, Enlistments, Deaths of Officers & Soldiers Dismissions or Desertions, Furloes, or upon what Command or Duty the Officers or Men have been respectively employed; But as they were soon after the compleating the Companies transported to New York, in p. 313 which Government they have ever since continued, I doubt not but M<sup>r</sup> Clinton by the Information of the respective Officers can satisfy you in these several particulars

As to the Expences incurred on Account of the Troops raised here and disbursed either by this Province or by M'Bladen (both which I observe the Duke of Newcastle expects to be transmitted to him) I send you as authentick Accounts thereof as I can possibly procure, and hope they will be sufficient for your Adjustment to be laid before the Parliament