502 Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1750/51.

Lib. C. B. At a Council in the Council Chamber on Thursday the 14th day of March in the 36th year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1750

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esqr Governor

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{The ho\bar{n}ble} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Benjamin Tasker Esq}^r \\ \text{Col George Plater} \\ \text{Edmund Jenings Esq}^r \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Col Cha. Hammond} \\ \text{Daniel Dulany Esq}^r \\ \text{Benedict Calvert Esq}^r \end{array}$

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint the Board that upon receiving a Letter from Mr John Caille Clerk to the Commission of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery lately issued to p. 436 Dorchester County, he had not sent down the Dead Warrants for John Mackmical and Negro Sharper; Which Letter being read, and It appearing thereby that the Commrs under the said Commission met and published the same on the first day of February last, and then adjourned 'till the Eleventh Day of the same Month, Which Adjournment It is the Opinion of this Board was irregular, for that the Commrs ought only to have adjourned from Day to Day, so that all the Proceedings under the said Commission are erroneous; It is therefore ordered that the Clerk of the Provincial Court issue a Habeas Corpus directed to the Sheriff of Dorchester County to bring up the Bodies of John MacMichael & Negro Sharper now in his Custody detained in order to receive their Tryals at the next Provincial Court, and likewise that he send an Order directed to some of the Magistrates of the said County to bind over all the Witnesses to attend at the said Court to give Evidence against the said John McMichal and the said Negro Sharper.

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following

Instructions be Entered.

Additional Orders and Instructions Powers and Authorities to be observed and pursued by Our Welbeloved Thomas Bladen Esq^r Our Lieutenant Governor of our Province of Maryland.

C. B.

As nothing can be more certain than that a due Weight

and Authority is necessary in all Governments,

I must require you to be very careful not to give your Assent to any Law, or do any other Act that may in any manner weaken the Power and Authority of the Government of Maryland the due Support of which is as necessary for the welfare & Prosperity of the People in General, as for my own particular Interest, whatever Mistaken or popular Notion may be advanced upon this head.