

strictly by Duty and Allegiance to his Majesty to conform themselves with Service, that his Lordship thereby may be enabled to carry on with Vigour his Majesty's Service against the common Enemy the Invaders of his Majesty's Crown and Dignity. wishing you Health and Happiness, I am with Esteem

Lib. J. R.  
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Your affectionate Friend  
Baltimore

Post<sup>t</sup> An Act of Parliament being passed to enable his Majesty to grant Commissions to foreign Officers to rank in America, and to raise four thousand Men there for the defence of the Colonies; and being sensible of the great Utility and Advantage that must accrue by such a Force, I therefore desire that you'll exert yourself in the enlisting of the Force under the Command of his Lordship.

Upon reading the said Letters it is the Advice of this Board that the present general Assembly of this Province which stands prorogued to the first Monday in January next . . . . do meet at the City of Annapolis on the first Monday in October next, and proclamations issued accordingly.

Maryland ss: By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor and 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 Monday of January next, and whereas his Majesty's Commands signified to me by the Right Honourable Henry Fox Esquire, one of his Majesty's principal Secretary's of State make the meeting thereof absolutely necessary before that time I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to publish and declare, and I do hereby publish and declare that the said General Assembly meet and be held at the City of Annapolis the first Monday in October next, and to the Intent that all persons concerned may have due Notice thereof I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my proclamation publick in their respective Counties in the usual manner, as they will answer the Contrary at their peril. Given at the City of Annapolis this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August in the sixth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1756:

J Ross Cl: Con.