

Maryland ss: By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire
Governor and Commander in Chief in and
over the province of Maryland. Lib. J.R.
& U. S.

A Proclamation

Whereas the present General Assembly of this province was by the last proclamation issued appointed to be held at the City of Annapolis the first Monday in October next being the 4th day of the same Month, and whereas his Majesty's immediate Service requires their Meeting before that time, I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State to publish and declare that the said general Assembly meet and be held at the City of Annapolis the second Tuesday of September 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 as they will answer the contrary at their peril: Given at the City of Annapolis this 30th Day of August in the sixth year of his Lordships Dominion, Anno Domini 1756.

J Ross Cl: Con.

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to Colonel Belt, and Colonel Hall Commanders in chief of the Militia of Prince Georges and Baltimore Counties.

S^r

As some Advices which I have just received give me great Room to fear that a large Body of ffrench and Indians will very shortly make a Descent on this province, and endeavour to break up at once, all our Settlem^{ts} in the Western Parts of Frederick County, and as it is thought expedient and necessary to march a considerable Number of the Militia to cover and protect the distant Inhabitants and on Occasion to act in Conjunction with the Troops that have been raised and are posted at Fort Frederick, and other places beyond Conegocheige, I do hereby with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State, order & require you as soon as possible to send from the Militia of your County a Detachment of 100 Men under the Command of a Captain, Lieutenant, and Ensign, to Fort Frederick, where they will be joined by another Detachment of the same Number. After their Arrival at that Fort they will be supplied with provisions by the Commissary M^r Ross, and on their March thither the Officer must apply to the press Masters for such provisions and Carriages as shall be necessary, with which the press Masters are forth-

p. 133