

Maryland ss:           By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Lib. J. R.  
                          Governor and Commander in chief, in and & U. S.  
                          over the province of Maryland.           p. 156

A Proclamation

Whereas the present general Assembly of this province was this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March appointed to be held at the City of Annapolis, and whereas there is not a sufficient Number of Members met to make a House, occasioned by the small pox still continuing in the said City, I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State further to prorogue the same, and I do hereby further prorogue the same to Tuesday the fifth Day of April next to be then held at Baltimore Town in Baltimore County, 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 public in their respective Counties in the usual Manner, as they will answer the contrary at their peril: Given at the City of Annapolis this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the 6<sup>th</sup> Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1757.

The following Letter from the Board of Trade was transmitted by the Governor to Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup>

Whitehall October 9<sup>th</sup> 1756.

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It having been represented to his Majesty, that the several Islands and Colonies belonging to the French in America have in Times of War been frequently supplied with provisions of various Kinds, by means of the Trade carried on from his Majesty's Islands, and Colonies to the Colonies and Settlements belonging to the Dutch and other neutral Powers, it is his Majestys Pleasure that you do forthwith upon the Receipt of this Order give immediate Directions, that an Embargo be laid during his Majesty's Pleasure upon all Ships and Vessels clearing out with Provisions from any Port or Place within your Government, except those that shall be employed in carrying Provisions to any other of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations which Ships or Vessels are to be allowed to sail from Time to Time, provided that the Masters or Owners do, before they are permitted to take any Provisions on Board enter into Bonds with two Sureties of known Residence there, and Ability to answer the Penalty, with the Chief Officers of the Customs of the Ports, or Places from whence such Ships or Vessels shall set sail, to the Value of one thousand pounds if the Ship be of less Burthen than one hundred Tons, and of the Sum of two thousand pounds