

Ordered by the Advice of this Board that the following Proclamation issue Lib. J. R.
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Maryland ss. By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r
Governor and Commander in Chief in and
over the Province of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas I have Reason to think that many Deserters from his Majesty's Regiments of Foot in America as well as from the Troops that are supported by the several Colonies are harboured and concealed in this Province, I have with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State thought fit to issue this Proclamation hereby strictly charging all Officers both Civil and Military within this Province from time to time to make strict Enquiry for such Deserters and to cause them to be apprehended and committed to the Goal of the County where they shall be so apprehended, and to give Notice thereof to me, or to the commanding Officers of the Regiments or Companies to which such Deserters belong and all his Majesty's Subjects are hereby forbid to harbour or entertain any Person or Persons whom they shall know or suspect to be Deserters from his Majesty's Service, under the Pains and Penalties inflicted by an Act of Parliament passed in the 29th. year of his Majesty's Reign, and by an Act of Assembly that was made at a Session of Assembly held at Baltimore Town in Baltimore County on the eighth Day of April last. If any of the Men that have deserted from the Maryland Forces, will return to their respective Companies, or deliver themselves up to any of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace before the 25th Day of September next, I hereby promise them a full and free Pardon but any Deserters that shall be apprehended after that Time will be punished with the utmost Severity. Given at the City of Annapolis this 17th Day of August, in the seventh year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1757: J Ross Cl: Con:

Ordered with the Advice of this Board that the following Proclamation issue to dissolve the Assembly, and that Writs of Election issue to call a new Assembly, returnable to the 28 of September next.

Maryland ss.. By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r
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over the Province of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas the present General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Friday the 30th Day of September next,