

Lib. J. R. & U. S. perswaded that they then will Act honestly and effectually, otherwise it is apparent to me that they will be lost to the British Interest as their Situation & the Genius of that People will lead them to Join with the Strongest Side

Sir

Since writing the above I received yours of the 26th December and am mighty glad of the Hopes you have that your Assembly will enable you to raise men for the Support of his Majestys undoubted right to the Lands on the Ohio and at the same Time to Protect these Colonies from the Insolence of those that want to disturb our peace. An Answer to this by the bearer will greatly Oblige

Your Excell^y Most Obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv^t
Rob^t Dinwiddie

p. 24 On Reading the above Letter it is Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province appointed to be held on the first day of May next do meet and be held at the City of Annapolis the 25th day of this Instant and Proclamations issued in the following manner

Maryland ss^t

By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor & Commander in Chief in and Over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation

Hor^o Sharpe Whereas the present General Assembly of this Province Stands prorogued to the first day of May next, And whereas his Majestys Service notified to me by the Honourable Robert Dinwiddie Esq^r Governor of the Colony of Virginia requires their meeting before that time I have therefore thought fit with the advice of his Lordships Council of State by this my Proclamation to publish and declare that the present General Assembly of this Province do meet and be held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the 25th day of this Instant February and to the End 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 13th day of February in the third year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1754

J. Ross Cl Conl.