

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter received by him from the Board of Trade. Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

Whitehall November 13th 1759.

Sir

It having pleased Almighty God to give Signal Success to his Majesty's Arms both by Sea and Land particularly by the Defeat of the French Army in Canada & the taking of Quebeck; & his Majesty having thought fit in Acknowledgement of so great Blessings to appoint a day of publick Thanksgiving for the same throughout Great Britain, We herewith inclose you his Majesty's Royal Proclamation for that Purpose; and it being his Majesty's Pleasure that the like Publick Thanksgiving should be solemnized in all his Majestys Colonies in America which are so particularly interested in these happy Events We do hereby Signify to you his Majesty's Commands that you do as soon as possible after the Receipt hereof appoint a proper Day for that Purpose to be observed throughout the Province under your Government with such Solemnities as are suitable to so great an Occasion. We are

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Your most obedient humble Servants

W G Hamilton, Soame Jenyns. Dunk Halifax

Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor of Maryland.

Which being read It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to Order Monday the 17th Day of March next as a Day of Publick Thanksgiving to be observed throughout this Province and Proclamation being prepared issued accordingly.

Maryland ss^t By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas his Majesty our gracious Sovereign most Devoutly & thankfully Acknowledging the great goodness & Mercy of Almighty God who hath afforded him his Protection and Assistance in the just War in which for the common safety of his Realms and for the disappointing the boundless Ambition of France his Majesty is at this time engaged was pleased by his Royal Proclamation to command that a general Thanksgiving to Almighty God for such his Mercies should be Observed in Great Britain on the twenty ninth Day of November last & hath moreover signified his