

Lib. J. R. Pleasure that the like publick Thanksgiving be Solemnized  
& U. S. throughout all his Colonies in North America In Obedience  
therefore to his Majesty's Commands I do hereby with the  
Advice of his Lordships Council of State Appoint the third  
Monday in March next being the seventeenth Day of the  
same Month to be observed in this Province as a Day of  
general Thanksgiving to Almighty God for his Abundant  
Goodness manifested to the British Nation for the Signal  
Successes with which he hath lately blessed his Majesty's  
Arms both by Sea & Land particularly on this Continent And  
for the better & more Religious & orderly Solemnizing the  
same I do hereby direct & require the several Ministers of the  
Gospel in this Province to compose a Form of Prayer suit-  
able to the Occasion to be used in their respective Churches  
& Chapples & other Places of Publick Worship and that  
hereof they give Publick & timely Notice throughout their  
respective Parishes And I do hereby strictly Charge & Com-  
mand that the said Day of Publick Thanksgiving be Re-  
ligiously Observed by all his Majesty's Subjects of this  
Province And I do hereby likewise Command the several  
Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation pub-  
lick in their respective Counties in the usual manner as they  
will Answer the Contrary at their Peril. Given at the City  
of Annapolis this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of February in the ninth year of  
his Lordships Dominion &c.. Annoque Domini 1760.

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p. 248 At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Saturday  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March in the ninth year of his Lordships  
Dominion Annoque Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor

The Honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> Stephen Bordley  
Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the  
following Letters received by him from the Right Honorable  
William Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> Secretary of State and Jaffery Amhurst  
Esq<sup>r</sup>

Whitehall 7 January 1760.

Sir

His Majesty having nothing so much at Heart as to  
improve the great & Important Advantages gained the last  
Campaign in North America and not doubting that all his  
faithful & brave Subjects there will continue most chearfully