

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on the 7th day of September Anno Domini 1754 & in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Lib. J. R.  
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Present

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

The honble Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> Col Benjamin Tasker  
Benedict Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>

Ordered that the following letter be sent to the several Magistrates of Frederick, Baltimore, Prince Georges, Charles & S<sup>t</sup> Marys Counties.

Sir

Whereas Information has been given that many Persons who have been enlisted into his Majestys Service in the Virginia Regiment commanded by Col Washington have pretended that they were discharged from the said Regiment or had leave to be absent for Some time, but are actually deserted from the said Regiment; you are therefore hereby required to secure all Persons who shall be taken up and brought before you as such suspected Deserters not being able to give any good Account of themselves and give Notice thereof to his Excellency the Governor but if any Persons taking up the said Deserters are willing to carry them to their Quarters at Alexandria you may permit the same; A Reward being offered by Col Washington of one Pistole a man if taken within ten Miles of the said Place and two Pistoles if taken at a greater Distance

Signed p Order John Ross Cl Coun.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the Tenth Day of September in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1754.

Present

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

The honble Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> Col Benj<sup>a</sup> Tasker  
Bened<sup>t</sup> Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter

Cecil County Septem<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1754.

May it Please your Excellency

We think it our duty to make known to your Excellency that the People in our Neighbourhood of late are very uneasy with Respect to the Jesuits and Roman Catholicks about us,