

Lib. J. R. Major General Braddock, shall advance Westward beyond
& U. S. the Mountains in hopes as it may be presumed thereby to retard & divert his Excellency from the Execution of the Plan which he purposes to pursue, I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Ldps Council of State to cause the same to be made known by this Proclamation To the End that the distant and other the Inhabitants of this Province may put themselves in a posture of defence, that those who want may immediately furnish themselves with Arms and Ammunition and be on their Guard to prevent such a surprize as those Threats of our Enemies give us too much Room to fear, and as I think it my duty to caution and exhort all the Inhabitants of this Province to prepare in the best and most expeditious manner they can for the defence of themselves and each other against the Attempts of such presumptuous Invaders and to use the most effectual means for that purpose; I do hereby Command the Sheriffs of Baltimore & Frederick Counties to publish this my Proclamation in the most frequented places of their said Counties and to affix Copies thereof in many publick places Given at Annapolis this 30 day of May in the 5th year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini One thousand Seven hundred & fifty five

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint this Board that he has sent the following Letter to the Colonels of the Militia in Frederick and Baltimore Counties.

Sir

I desire you will have a general Review of the Militia of your County either together or separately, and that you will make me a particular Return thereof, specifying the several Officers Names, and the number of men in Each Troop or Company; you will also acquaint me how they are furnished with Arms, and whether plenty of Ammunition can be procured on Occasion within your said County. In case of any rioting or caballing by Servants, Slaves, or others, you are to march with or order any Troops or Companies under your Command to quell them and Seize the Ringleaders, whom you shall keep in Custody till I can be advised thereof.

Ordered that the present General Assembly of this Province which stands prorogued to the first day of July next be called to meet at the City of Annapolis the Twenty third day of June, & Proclamations issued accordingly