

Charles County Oct. 21st 1755. Lib. J. R.

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May it please Your Ex^{cy} & Hon^{rs}

Your Pleasure touching the Reports of the tumultuous Meetings & Cabaling of Negroes, the Misbehaviour of the Roman Catholicks in some Countys and the absence of some of the Priests in this Province Intimated to you, was Signified to us (Justices of the County af^d) by Letter from M^r Ross on the 15th of August last As the foundation of such Reports did not fall within our Notice as Magistrates of this County, We have with Patience & Circumspection in our Several Neighbourhoods, waited to see if time would produce any Cause or Information to any of us of any such Matters Suggested to your Excellency & honours; but as nothing of that Sort has happened here or Come to any of our knowledges, we presume such Reports must be without foundation, as to any in this County.

The Duty we owe to his Majesty & this Government, as Magistrates the Requisites your Excellency and honours have been Pleased to Charge us with, and such as from time to time you may Judge proper to intimate We hope will have their proper weight in our future Conduct, and ever be regarded with the utmost Deference by

Your Excellencys & Honours mos: Obed^t Humble Serv^{ts}
Gustavus Brown, Allen Davis, R^d Harrison
Rob^t Yates, Arthur Lee Ja^s Nivison
Sam: Hanson, Willi^m Eilbeck, Walter Hanson

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter to the Justices of Ann Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert Prince Georges, Frederick, Cecil, Kent, Dorchester, Worcester, Somerset, Queen Anns and Talbot Counties.

Gentlemen

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By Order of the Governor & Council of the 15th of August last I wrote to you in Relation to Some Reports being Spread of the tumultuous Meetings & Caballing of Negroes in your County, the Misbehaviour of Some Roman Catholicks, and the absence of some of the Priests from their Places of Abode, I am now directed by the said Board to acquaint you they are desirous to know what Proceedings have been had, and what has been done upon the aforementioned Letter that if it appears necessary proper Care may be taken for the Security of his Majestys faithful Subjects here.

His Excellency is Pleased to ask the Opinion of this Board Whether the Assembly should be now called or not. Resolved in the Negative