

Ordered Dead Warrant issue for the Execution of the said Negro on Friday the 27th Instant which issued accordingly. Lib. J. R. & U. S.

At a Council held at the Governor's, on Monday the 10th day of February, in the Fifteenth year of his Lordship's Dominion, Anno Domini 1766.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Governor.

The honble Benjamin Tasker, Daniel Dulany, and Jn^o Ridout Esq^{rs}

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letters.

S^t James's 24th Oct^r 1765.

Sir

It is with the greatest Concern, that His Majesty learns the Disturbances which have arisen in some of The North American Colonies. If this Evil should Spread to the Government of Maryland, where you preside, the utmost Exertion of your Prudence will be necessary, so as justly to temper your Conduct between that Caution and Coolness, which the Delicacy of such a Situation may demand, on one hand, and the Vigour necessary to Suppress Outrage and Violence, on the other. It is impossible, at this Distance, to assist you by any Particular or Positive Instruction, because you will find yourself necessarily obliged to take your Resolution, as Particular Circumstances and Emergencies may require. p. 402

His Majesty, and the Servants He honours with his Confidence, cannot but lament the ill-advised Intemperance shewn already in some of the Provinces, by taking up a Conduct, which can in no way contribute to the Removal of any real Grievances They might labour under, but may tend to Obstruct and impede the Exertion of his Majesty's benevolent Attention to the Ease and Comfort, as well as the Welfare of all his People.

It is hoped and expected, that this want of Confidence in the Justice and Tenderness of the Mother Country, and this open Resistance to its Authority, can only have found place among the lower, and more ignorant of the People, The better, and Wiser part of the Colonies will know, that Decency and Submission may prevail, not only to redress Grievances, but to obtain Grace and Favour, while the Outrage of a Public Violence can expect nothing but Severity and Chastisement. These Sentiments you and all His Majesty's Servants, from a Sense of your Duty to, and Love of your Country, will en-