

the advice of his Majesties honorable Councill proclaime Publish to and Command all and Singular his Majesties good Subjects the Inhabitants of this Province that they religiously Sett apart and Observe the 27th of August next Ensueing as a Day of Thanksgiveing for Such the great mercy of Almighty God in Vouchsafeing Soe Signall a Deliverance and that the Said day with the Duety thereof may bee the more Religiously and Desently observed upon this Occation I doe in his Majesties Name Strictly Charge and Command the Severall Ministers of the respective Parishes in the Severall Counties of this Province to performe Devine Service on that day and that your Severall Parishoners intend the Said Service and Duety and that they obsteine from all bodily Labour upon that day as they will answer the Contrary att their Perill and to the End that all persons may have Due notice hereof I doe hereby Command the Severall Sheriffs to publish this my Proclamation in all Churches Chaples Court howses and all other Publick places of Meeteing within their respective Countyes Given at the Towne of Annapolis, Under the broad Seale of the Province this 20th day of July in the Eleventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord William the 3d of England etc. Annoque Domini 1699.

God Save the King. Nathaniell Blakiston.

True Coppy per William Bladen Clerk Councill

Read in open Court per Edward Willett Clerke of Prince Georges County.

Ordered that Simon Nicholls bee Cryer of Prince Georges County Court.

Edward Willett Clerke of the County tooke the Oaths appoynted by act of Parliament.

Joshua Cecell Clerke of Indictments tooke the Oaths appoynted by act of Parliament.

Mr. William Stone and Mr. John Meryton attorneys of this Court tooke the oaths appoynted by act of Parliament.

Mr. William Barton High Sheriffe of this County and Benjamin Berry Sub Sherife tooke the Oaths appoynted by act of Parliament.

Simon Nicholls Cryar of the Said County Court took the Aforesaid Oaths.

The Court adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 of the Clock and then met and Satt.

Present, Mr. Thomas Hollyday, Mr. Robert Tyler, Mr. John Hawkins, Mr. Robert Wade, Mr. Samuell Magruder, Mr. James Stoddart.

Mr. Robert Bradley haveing taken the Oath of a Justice of the Peace and the other Oaths appoynted by act of Parliament tooke his place.

Mr. Robert Tyler gave his Disassent against the Trying of any Cause by reason the new Laws are not downe from Annapolis allso for the Same reason Mr. Robert Wade gave his Disassent and both went of the bench.

Allexander Munroe Servant to Christopher Thompson adjudged to bee fifteen year old.

[446] Command was given to the Sheriff that he cause to come the Grand Inquest by him Summoned Which Said Grand Inquest by him Sumoned came as (Viz.)