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Maryland ss

By his Excellency the Capt Gen.ll &c. A Proclamation

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God to bless prosper & succeed the Royall Armes of our most Gracious Soveraign Lord & Lady King William & Queen Mary &c. with a most happy and glorious victory by Sea & Land (as is most Evidently performed) lately obtained agt the French King as it affords matter of great Joy & Consolation (without Doubt) to the whole Confederacy & all good Christians in gen.ll, so ought it more peculiarly & Especially to affect us their Majes.ties Naturall borne Liege Subjects, who have so great a Share & Interest therein not only with an outward Superficiall Show of Joy & Gladness but also with a true-inward & serious sense & gratitude for those great blessings it hath pleased God the Author & projector thereof, thereby to bless us and farr as to guide & stir us up to render unto him the just Tribute of our most humble & hearty praise & thanks for the same wherefore & to the end & Purpose I have thought fitt to nominate & appoint & do hereby in their majes.ties Name by & with the advice & Consent of their majes.ties Council here Nominate & appoint Thursday next the thirtieth Instant to be a day fitt apart kept & solemnized at the City of St. Maryes Thursday following the twentieth Instant within & through the County of St. Maryes & Thursday next after following the seaven & twentieth Instant generally in & throughout the rest of the Provinc.e within respective Dayes in the respective Counties & Places aforesd all & singular the officers Magistrates Millitary & Civill & all other their majes.ties Subjects therein inhabiting residing or being are Strictly Enjoyned, charged & Comanded to solemnize keep & fitt apart as Dayes of publick Rejoycing & thanksgiving to Almighty God for so great a blessing not only by rendring unto him all due honour Glory & praise in their most solemn & serious Devotions & religious Exercise but also by using such other outward & Publick Devout Demonstrations & Expressions of Joy & Gratitude as upon such great & solemn Occasions hath been usuall & practicable in all parts of the Christian-world & I do hereby in their majes.ties name Strictly Prohibit & forbid all manner of Gunnyers Millitary Dances or overseers or others whatsoever within this Province to work or use any servile or Bodily Labour themselves or suffer or permit