

necessary to Sr. Don. in the premises and it is resolved that for the  
 present the Indians be told that we are sorry they cannot find out  
 the murderers, but hoped they would still endeavour to do it, that so  
 soon as they shall so do (that is) certainly find out who did the murder  
 we expect they will discover them to us, and if they be Lascattoway  
 Indians that they will immediately deliver them up to us according to  
 the Articles of Peace betwixt us. With which they were dispensed  
 And the Council are of Opinion Sr. Don. resolves that the Assembly which  
 was prorogued till the Sixth Day of May next ensuing be sooner  
 called the urgent occasions relating to the State and Welfare of this  
 Province requiring it. It is therefore Ordered that writs issue  
 forth to severall Townes of this Province for Electing of New Burgesses  
 in the room of those that were in the last Assembly are dead: and that the  
 Assembly be convened at the City of St. Maries on the 20. Day of  
 October next ensuing and that proclamation issue forth accordingly  
 Which was done and is as followeth

By the Lievetenant Gen.  
 a Proclamation

Whereas the last Generall Assembly held at the City of St. Maries in  
 year of Our Lord 1676: was adjourned to the fourteenth Day of May last past  
 and from thence by Proclamation bearing Date the fourteenth Day of February  
 last past (for divers good causes and considerations then thereunto mooving) prorogued  
 to the Sixth Day of May next ensuing, and now for divers other good causes  
 and considerations relating to the State and Welfare of this Province of Maryland  
 since Occurring and by my self and his Lordships Council taken into consultation  
 it is thought most requisite that the same be sooner called and convened (the  
 urgent occasion and affairs relating to the Lordship and the State and Welfare  
 of this Province requiring it) I have therefore with the advice & consent  
 of his Lordships Council determined and ordered, and I do hereby fully resolve  
 determine and Order that the said Generall Assembly be held at the City  
 of St. Maries on the Twentieth Day of October next ensuing the same being  
 And I do hereby will and Require as also strictly charge and command all and  
 singular the Sheriffs of this Province forthwith upon receipt hereof to make  
 Publick Proclamation hereof in the most publick and convenient places within their  
 respective Counties, and to give notice to all and singular the Delegates & Deputies  
 by the Assent of their Counties already elected or for that purpose to be elected  
 that (all Excuses set apart) they and every of the said Delegates come and  
 personally appear at the said City of St. Maries on the said Twentieth Day of  
 October next ensuing to do and concur to those things which then and there by  
 the favour of God shall happen to be ordered by the Lord Proprietary of this  
 Province or his Lievetenant Gen. by and with the advice and consent of the great  
 Council of this Province concerning the State and Welfare of this Province, as  
 also to give notice to such of the Lordships Council as inhabit within their  
 respective Counties, that all Excuses set apart they also be and appear at the  
 Day and place aforesaid to the end and purposes aforesaid, and further Whereas in  
 June last Proclamation issued forth to the severall Sheriffs of this Province  
 to give notice to the Inhabitants of laying the Publick Levy the first Sunday

Ch. A.