

I never doubted your having the News..... as soon  
 as it was done. I had your Surveyor General say he designed  
 sending you word and likewise to Virginia. I hope you will  
 pardon the mission of proclamation was likewise made  
 at New York ten or twelve days before I proclaimed here  
 for I was willing to wait for Orders from the other side  
 which is usual on the like occasions but upon second  
 thoughts I judged if there was any Error it was on  
 the right side and therefore I appointed Thursday the  
 31 of the last month for proclaiming his present Ma-  
 jesty. In the morning I ordered 30 Minute Guns to  
 be fired and began them about 11 in the Forenoon after  
 they had done firing these Guns my Council the Mayor  
 of the City Aldermen and Common Council with the prin-  
 cipal Gentry of the Town and Country Assembled at my  
 House and went in Procession to the Court House where  
 a platform was erected and there made proclamation  
 with many loud Acclamations of long live King  
 George the third and Guns again firing a Volley the  
 Procession walked back to my House where we drank  
 the King the Queen and Frederick Prince of Wales  
 Healths our Guns again firing to each Health and at  
 Night there were more Bonfires and <sup>Flowers</sup> Illuminations  
 than ever had been seen in this place. I cannot conclude  
 before I beg you'll believe that I shall embrace every Op-  
 portunity to demonstrate that I am with all Respect  
 and Sincerity. Inaugurable  
 Philadelphia 7. 7 1727  
 Signed  
 To his excellency the  
 Governor of Maryland

Sir  
 Your most faithful & most  
 Obedient humble servant  
 P. Gordon