

which Proclamation is such and is as follows  
Maryland

By his Excellency Benedict  
Bernard Calvert Governour and Com-  
mandant in Chief in and over the Province  
of Maryland

Proclamation

Whereas the present Great Scarcity of Corn  
our necessary Subsistence the many late Losses of  
Hogs Cattle and other Stock and the numerous des-  
trouing Caterpillars which have infested our woods are  
such singular and grievous distresses to the People of this  
Province that they may be justly deemed a Visitation  
from the Almighty God for our manifold Sins against  
him the Sense whereof should induce us to a publick  
and sincere humiliation of ourselves before the Great  
God to whom Vengeance belongeth that he may not sub-  
ject his whole displeasure to arise against us to the end  
therefore that so timely and necessary a duty may be  
the more unanimously performed throughout this Province  
I have thought fit by and with the advice of his Excellency's  
Council of State to give this my Proclamation & I do here  
by strictly Charge and Command that the third Friday in  
June next be Observed as a day of General and publick  
Fast and Humiliation throughout this Province and I  
do earnestly Invite and Require the Inhabitants of this  
Province to be religiously and strictly Observant of the  
same as they tender the favour of Almighty God & on