His Excellency acquaints this Board that he has nothing of Moment to lay before the Assembly which stands prorogued to the third Tuesday in March next, and desires the Advice of this Board, to what Time further to prorogue the same; who are of Opinion that the third Tuesday in April next being the twenty seventh day of the same Month is the most convenient Time; to which Time his Excellency is pleased to order that the same be prorogued, and that Proclamations issue accordingly, which issued in the usual Manner———

His Excellency acquaints the Board that the Time appointed for the Meeting the Assembly being so very short that in all Probability a sufficient Number of the Gentlemen of the Council will scarce be able to meet further to advise the Prorogation thereof; and in case His Excellency should think it convenient further to prorogue the same; he desires the Advice of this Board, when is the most proper Time further to prorogue the Assembly; who are of Opinion that the second Tuesday in July next being the thirteenth day of the same Month is the most Convenient Time———

11th April 1731

Ordered by His Excellency the Governor that Proclamations issue further to prorogue the Assembly to the second Tuesday in July next———

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 15th Day of April in the seventeenth Year of His Lordship's the Lord Proprietary's Dominion Anno Domini 1731———

Present

His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor———

The Honble { Charles Calvert Esq. / John Hall Esq. / Philemon Lloyd Esq. / Mr Matthew Tilghman Ward / Benjamin Tasker Esq. } Members of His Lordships Honble Council

His Excellency produces to this Board His Lordships the Lord Proprietary's Instructions, which are as follow Viz.t

"Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland
" and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. Orders and Instructions, Powers and Authorities
" to be Observed and pursued by Our Dearly beloved Brother, the Honourable Benedict

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