

February 1737

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the present General Assembly, which pursuant to the Writs of Election was to have met on 20th Instant, be prorogued to the first Tuesday in May next; and Proclamations issued accordingly

A Council held in the Council Chamber on Friday the 5th Day of May in the Twenty fourth Year of His Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1738

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq Governor

The Honble

- Col Richard Tilghman
- Col Matthew Tilghman Ward
- Benjamin Tasker Esq
- Philip Lee Esq
- George Plater Esq
- Edmund Jennings Esq
- Col Charles Hammond

Ordered that the following Proclamation issue

Maryland By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq Governor and Commander in Chief in over the province of Maryland A Proclamation

It having ^{been} represented to me in Council, that some Negroes have broke Prison & others are run away and have been guilty of cruel Violences particularly on a certain Mark Webb of Prince Georges County Blacksmith and are still outlying; And this Board being of Opinion that such Negroes could not have escaped an Apprehension or being brought to Justice so long, if the several Sheriffs and Magistrates of the respective Counties had upon Information of these Negroes Behaviour executed their proper Authorities and acted as their several Duties and the Good of the Publick required for their speedy Apprehensions; Therefore for stopping as soon as may be the mischievous consequences which may arise from the violent and unrestrained Practices of those Negroes; I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to issue this my Proclamation strictly ordering and enjoining the Sheriff of Prince Georges County that immediately and without Delay but with the utmost Dispatch and care he search for and endeavour to discover find out and apprehend and take those Negroes and every of them so that they might be brought to Justice, and for that Purpose that he raise and take with him the Power and Assistance of his County if he think it expedient, and herein he require his strict and punctual Obedience

Jam. Ogle
 G. W. M. at Annapolis this fifth Day of May in the twenty fourth