

herein the several Sheets of this Proclamation are hereby required to publish this my
Proclamation in their respective Counties in the usual manner as they will answer
the contrary at their Seal given at the City of Annapolis the 18th day of February
in the 26th year of his Majesty's Dominion Anno Domini 1740
[Seal]

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of
this Board that the present General Assembly which stands prorogued to
the second Tuesday of March next be further prorogued to the last Tuesday
in April next, and Proclamations issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the House of his Excellency the
Governor in the City of Annapolis on Friday the 18.
Day of March in the 26th year of his Majesty's Dominion
Anno Domini 1740

Present
His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq. Governor
The Honourable { Benjamin Tucker Esq.
 { Col Charles Hammond

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board a Letter
received by him from the Honble the President of Virginia, which Letter is
as follows Sir

The Masters of the Ships in Our Trade, having
unanimously applied to me and the Council, representing, that by Reason of
the Severity of the Weather, they have not been able to bring more than a
very small Part of their Lading on board their Ships, of which they were very
sensible, & consequently, of the improbability of their being ready to sail
by the 26th of the last Month, which Day Captain Lloyd of his Majesty's
Ship the Winchester, on whom their only Expectation of Conveyance
had professed for leaving this Colony. We therefore interceded with him to
defer his Departure as long as possible, who, upon our proposing the
Danger the Virginia Fleet would be exposed to, and the Consequences that
might attend their falling into the hands of the Enemy, at last agreed to
stay here till the 20th of April, when upon the thought proper to lay an