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in One fanner and a Band of Shirts to contain about four thousand and that the same be charged to the Duty of Three pence each. for Amm lodged in the said Groves hands

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on the 7th day of September Anno Domini 1754 in the fourth Year of his said Shipps Dominion

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The honorable Benjamin Tasher Esq. & Benjamin Tasher Esq. & Benoit Esq.

Ordered that the following Letter be sent to the several Magistrates of Frederick, Baltimore, Prince Georges, Charles & St. Marys Counties

Sir Whereas Information has been given that many Persons who have been enlisted into his Majesty's Service in the Virginia Regiment commanded by Genl Washington have pretended that they were discharged from the said Regiment or had leave to be absent for some time, but are actually deserted from the said Regiment; You are therefore hereby required to secure all Persons who shall be taken up and brought before you as such suspected Deserters not being able to give any good Account of themselves and give Notice thereof to his Excellency the Governor but if any Persons taking up the said Deserters are willing to carry them to their Quarters at Alexandria you may permit the same, a Reward being offered by Genl Washington of one Pistole a man if taken within ten Miles of the said Place and two Pistoles if taken at greater Distance

Signed by Order John Ross Esq. Secy.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Tuesday the Tenth Day of September in the fourth Year of his said Shipps Dominion Anno Domini 1754

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The honorable Benjamin Tasher Esq. & Benj. Tasher Esq. & Benoit Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter
May it Please Your Excellency Cecil County Septem. 5th 1754

We think it our duty to make known to your Excellency that the People in our Neighbourhood of late are very uneasy with respect to the Jesuits and Roman Catholics about us, entertaining opinions that they now have in their Possessions large Quantities of Arms &c We but the other day