

Pleasure they accordingly met this Day, and taking the same into Consideration, Ordered that Proclamation issue to dissolve the present General Assembly, and that Writts of Election issue to call a New Assembly returnable the tenth Day of December next

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 4th day of November in the fourth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1754.

Present: His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The honourable - { Benjamin Tasher Esq. Col. Benj. Tasher
Charles Hammond Esq. Richard Seely Esq.
Edward Lloyd Esq. Benedict Calvert Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Commission
J. Ballimore. Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon in America and Baron of Ballimore in the Kingdom of Ireland To our trusty & well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esquire Lieutenant General & Chief Governor of our said Province of Maryland Greeting Whereas His Majesty from the Great Confidence he has in your Military Skill and Abilities has thought it for the publick Service to constitute and appoint you Lieutenant Colonel of the Forces intended to be sent against the Forces who have invaded his Majestys Dominions in the Province of Virginia and other parts of America. And Being desirous to further such his Majestys Royal Intention and to do all in my Power to oppose & repell the common Enemy and to express the great Satisfaction it gives me that his Majesty has done me the Honour to shew this his repeated Approbation of my Choice of you for my Governor of my Province of Maryland by Granting you his own immediate Commission as an Officer fit and proper to be employed in so great & National undertaking, and out of the regard I have for you and from a sincere Inclination to promote your welfare. I do hereby signify my desire, that you do forthwith proceed to pay all due and punctual Obedience to his Majestys Royal Commission according to the Tenor and true Intent and meaning thereof, and in case his Majestys Service in consequence of the said Commission shall require your Temporary Absence from my said Province I do further Declare my free leave and Assent thereto, and that such your absence from my said Province in Obedience to his Majestys said Commission shall not in any respect invalidate your Commission as my Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Provided, that you return to my said Province to resume the Government thereof when and as often as his Majestys Service shall permit you so to do. And it is my further Will and Pleasure that during your Absence out of the Province upon this Great, necessary and National Service, the Power of Government over my Province of Maryland be exercised by the President or Senior Member for the time being of my Council whom you are to Authorize and