

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of March in the fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoque Domini 1755.

Present

- This Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor
- Benjamin Tasher Esq. Col Benjamin Tasher
- Col George Water
- Richard Lee Esq.
- Col Charles Hammond
- Benedict Halvert Esq.
- Col Edward Lloyd

The Honourable

On a letter from some Gentlemen in Cecil County being produced to this Board wherein it is represented that there is Room to suspect that a quantity of Arms are somewhere concealed in Cecil County This Excellency in Council has thereupon thought fit to direct and empower Col John Vasey & Michael Earle Esq. or any Magistrate of the said County upon any Information being given them where such supposed Arms are lodged to make search for & seize & cause them to be seized by the Sheriff his deputy or any Constable of the County who shall them keep till his Excellency can be apprized thereof & signify his pleasure thereon and in case any opposition should be made to the said Col Vasey or Mr Earle or any his Lordships officers to obstruct or prevent their performance of what is hereby enjoined them they are to apply to the Colonel or any other Officer of the Militia of that County for assistance and every such Militia Officer is hereby required on such application to muster the Militia under his Command and render himself and them where such seizure of arms may be made and also take into Custody every Person who may oppose the execution of this Order and them safe keep or deliver over to the Sheriff of the County till his Excellency & Council shall be informed thereof and shall give such directions as they shall think proper thereon

This Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Decree

J. Baltimore  
 Frederick Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To our Right Trusty & well Beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq. Our Lieutenant Governor of our Province of Maryland and To our Right Trusty and well Beloved the Upper & Lower Houses of our Assembly there and to all others in our said Province of Maryland for the time being greeting Whereas at a Session begun and held at Annapolis in our said Province of Maryland on the second Day of October and ending the seventeenth day of November in the third year of Our Dominion over the said Province Annoque Domini 1753. An Act entitled an Act to empower the several Courts within this Province to order Commiffions for the Examination of Witnesses residing beyond Sea and for the more easy Foreclosure of Mortgages, &c. &c. with a due Consideration whereof We have thought fit to Dissent to the said Act And do hereby declare the said Act Null Void and of no Effect Given under Our hand & Seal at Arms at London this Tenth day of December in the fourth