

real Merit is as well known and acknowledged as needs no Illustration. My Desire is, and seriously require of you my Lieutenant Governor, that you do not fail in Obedience to his Majesty's Commission to his Lordship, and to the Importance and Service thereof, and that you in every thing with Fidelity will render yourself and incite the Legislature of a Assembly in the Province to give all Aid and Supply requisite, and to require the Magistrates and Officers military as well as all other persons strictly by Duty and Allegiance to his Majesty to conform themselves with Service, that his Lordship thereby may be enabled to carry on with Vigour his Majesty's Service against the common Enemy, the Invaders of his Majesty's Crown and Dignity. wishing you Health and Happiness, I am with Esteem your affectionate Friend.

Baltimore

Post. Act of Parliament being passed to enable his Majesty to grant Commissions to foreign Officers to rank in America, and to raise four thousand Men there for the defence of the Colonies; and being sensible of the great Utility and Advantage that must accrue by such a Force. I therefore desire that you'll exert yourself in the enlisting of these Forces under the Command of his Lordship.

Upon reading the said Letters it is the Advice of this Board that the present general Assembly of this Province which stands prorogued to the first Monday in January next... do meet at the City of Annapolis on the first Monday in October next, and Proclamations issued accordingly.

Maryland:

By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland.

### A Proclamation

Whereas the present General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the first Monday of January next, and whereas his Majesty's Commands signified to me by the Right Honourable Henry Fox Esquire, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State make the meeting thereof absolutely necessary before that time, I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State to publish and declare, and I do hereby publish and declare that the said General Assembly meet and be held at the City of Annapolis