

Duke was absolutely false. I have now given a true Account of
 myself, and how I have spent my Life, and if your Excellency will make
 Enquiry, the several persons that I have lived and worked with will confirm
 what I have said, I never have taken up Arms against the English, or joined
 the French or Indians against them, I appeal to the Captives that were
 recovered at Sittimons for the Truth of what I have spoken concerning the
 Quilley's manner of beating me, and if ever any of the English Prisoners that
 are now at Fort de Quebec shall escape, I am satisfied they will certify that I was
 there used as I have related, and that I made my Escape in the manner I
 have mentioned. I am exceedingly sorry that I have so long imposed on your
 Excellency, I hope you will pardon me, and that I shall not be charged for
 telling such a Story as I did when I was made to believe that I had no other
 Way to save my Life.

Upon hearing the foregoing Depositions, and the Recantation of
 William Marshall, it is the Opinion and Advice of this Board to his
 Excellency that the before mentioned Bennett Neale, Ignatius Wheeler,
 M^r. Church, John (retn), Thomas Burgen, Darby Foot, and James
 M^r. Donald be discharged, and being called in they were discharged
 accordingly.

10th January 1757. Ordered by his Excellency the
 Governour that Proclamations issue to the Sheriffs
 of the several Counties, as follows.

Maryland.

By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour
 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 31st Day of March next, and whereas his Majesty's Service requires
 their meeting before that time, I have therefore thought fit with the Advice
 of his Majesty'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 on Monday the 24th Day of this Instant January