

Maryland:

By his Excellency Thomas Osgood Esq. Governor  
and Commander in chief in and over the province  
of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas the present general Assembly of this province was this 30.<sup>th</sup> Day of  
March appointed to be held at the City of Annapolis, and whereas there is not a  
sufficient Number of Members met to make a House, occasioned by the small per-  
centage continuing in the said City, I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his  
Lordship's Council of State further to prorogue the same, and I do hereby further  
prorogue the same to Tuesday the fifth Day of April next to be there held at Baltimore  
Town in Baltimore County, and to the Intent that all persons concerned may have  
due Notice thereof I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of  
this province to make this my proclamation public in their respective Counties in  
the usual Manner, as they will answer the contrary at their peril. Given at the  
City of Annapolis this 30.<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the 6.<sup>th</sup> Year of his Lordship's Dominion  
Benjamin Dominick 1757.

The following Letter from the Board of Trade was transmitted by the Governor to Benjamin  
Tucker Esq. Whitehall October 9.<sup>th</sup> 1756.

S<sup>r</sup> It having been represented to his Majesty, that the several Islands and Colonies  
belonging to the French in America have in Times of War been frequently supplied with provisions  
of various kinds, by means of the Trade carried on from his Majesty's Islands, and Colonies to the  
Colonies and Settlements belonging to the Dutch and other neutral Powers, it is his Majesty's  
Pleasure that you do forthwith upon the Receipt of this Order give immediate Directions that  
an Embargo be laid during his Majesty's Pleasure upon all Ships and Vessels clearing out with  
Provisions from any Port or Place within your Government, except those that shall be employed in  
carrying Provisions to any other of his Majesty's Colonies and Plantations which Ships or Vessels  
are to be allowed to sail from Time to Time, provided that the Masters or Owners do, before they  
are permitted to take any Provisions on Board enter into Bonds with two Sureties of known  
Residence there, and Ability to answer the Penalty, with the Chief Officers of the Customs of the  
Port or Place from whence such Ships or Vessels shall set sail, to the Value of one thousand Pounds  
if the Ship be of less Burthen than one hundred Tons, and of the sum of two thousand Pounds  
if above that Burthen, that the Cargoes of such Ships or Vessels, the Particulars of which are to  
be expressed in the Bond shall not be landed in any other Ports or Places than such as belong  
to his Majesty, or are in possession of his Subjects, and that they will within twelve Months  
after the Date thereof, the Danger of the Sea excepted, produce Certificates, under the Hands and  
Seals of the principal Officers of the Customs at such Ports or Places for which such Ships or  
Vessels cleared out, that the said cargoes conforming the Particulars thereof have actually been