

The Governor having submitted the preceding Letter from Col: Stanwicke to himself, a Copy of
 W: Smith's Letter to the Colonel and the Indians Speech the Council thereupon give their
 Opinion and Advice that no Reward had been lately made to the Churches by this Province
 and as a Reward of two hundred Pounds had been likewise given them for four halpes and the
 Governor not having the Disposal of any publick Money for Services of this Kind, nor is there any
 Sum granted for Indian Affairs in General he cannot comply with Col: Stanwicke's Request in making
 the Indians any immediate Present

It is the Opinion of this Board, and his Excellency is pleased to order accordingly that a Proclamation
 issue appointing a Fast to be held on Friday the twelfth Day of August next.

By his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor and Commander in Chief in
 and over the Province of Maryland

& Proclamation

Whereas our Almighty Creator in Order to awaken in us his sinful Creatures, a due
 Sense of our Relation to and Dependance upon him does often from his tender Mercy
 towards us give Warning of his Displeasure at our manifold Sins and Wickedness that by a
 true Repentance and Reformation of our Manners, and a close and strict Obedience to his
 Laws and Observance of his holy Will for the future we may avoid that Vengeance and Judgment
 that Justice too strictly due to the Number and Weight of our Offences, and Whereas such a Duty
 seems at present to be required of us, as our Mother Country is involved in a calamitous War,
 and we are now in Danger of losing both our Religion and Liberties by the Attacks of a
 perfidious, merciless and savage Enemy

I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State to appoint Friday
 the twelfth Day of August next to be set apart and observed throughout this Province, as a
 Day for a general and publick Fast Humiliation and Prayer to the Divine Majesty to avoid
 those Judgments we from our Offences against him have most justly deserved to continue
 his Mercies, to perpetuate the Enjoyment of our Religion and Liberties amongst us, to secure the
 Happiness and Prosperity of our most gracious Sovereign our Mother Country, and all her
 Colonies, and to implore the Almighty Protection and Blessings upon the Fleets and Armies
 employed in her and our Service especially those in the Expedition under his Excellency the
 Earl of Loudoun, and I do hereby recommend to the several Ministers of the Gospel within
 this Province to compose Prayers and Sermons adapted to the Occasion to be read on that Day
 in their respective Churches, and that they publish this my Proclamation to their several
 Congregations immediately after Divine Service on the Sunday next preceding that Day,
 and I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my
 Proclamation publick in their respective Counties in the usual manner as they will answer the
 contrary at their Peril: Given at the City of Annapolis the twelfth Day of June 1706