

do make thereof I do hereby strictly charge, and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation public within respective Counties, in the usual Manner as they will answer the contrary at their Peril. Given at the City of Annapolis this 11th Day of August 1757. J. Ogle Secy. Genl.

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 22nd of August in the seventh Year of his Lordships Dominion, Amroquet Dominion 1757.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The Honourable Benjamin Trench Esq. and Colonel Charles Hammond.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letters

Sir

Whitehall 19. February 1757.

Having in my Letter of the 11th Instant informed you that it was the Kings Intention to send a strong Squadron of Ships of War to North America I am now to acquaint you that his Majesty has been pleased to appoint Rear Admiral Boscawen to command the said Squadron, and it is the Kings Pleasure that in case any Naval Assistance shall be wanted for the Protection of your Government you should apply for the same to the said Rear Admiral, or to the Commander in Chief for the Time being of his Majesty's Ships in those Seas who will send you such Assistance as he may be able to do, consistently with the Service with which he is charged by his Majesty's Instructions, and you will regularly communicate to the said Commander all such Intelligence, as shall come to your Knowledge concerning the Arrival of any Ships of War or Vessels having Warlike Stores aboard, and likewise all such Advice, as may concern their Motions, and Destination, or may in any Manner relate to that Part of his Majesty's Service with which the Commanders of the Kings Ships should be acquainted, and for the better Execution of the Orders sent you in this Letter, you will be diligent in employing proper Persons and Vessels, not only to procure you the earliest Intelligence, but likewise to be dispatched from time to time to the said Commander of his Majesty's Ships, with such Accounts, as you shall have Occasion, to communicate to him. It is also his Majesty's further Pleasure, that you should use all legal Methods, whenever the Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships shall apply to you to raise such a Number of Seamen from time to time, as shall be wanted to man the Ships in North America I am Sir

Governor of Maryland.

Your most obedient humble Servant W. Pitt