

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

### A Brief.

It having been represented to me, by his Majesty's Governor of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, that on the twentieth of March last, a fire broke out in the Town of Boston, in such Manner as to obliterate almost for ever the same, until it had, according to the best Information that could be obtained, destroyed One hundred and seventy four Dwelling Houses, and as many Warehouses, Shops, and other Buildings, which, with the Furniture and other Goods therein, amount, at a moderate Computation, to One hundred thousand Pounds Sterling; and that, by this unhappy Accident, two hundred and twenty Families were turned out of Doors, the greater part of whom, being by this Misfortune rendered incapable of Subsisting themselves, were become proper Objects of Charity. And that although he had sent Briefs throughout that Province to procure Relief for the unhappy Sufferers, the Calamity is so great and extensive, that the Means of Relief from amongst themselves, and the Contributions of their own Inhabitants, must be greatly inadequate to the Use.

His Excellency therefore desires me to recommend it to the People of this Province, to assist in Relieving their distressed Fellow Subjects, and that I would cause what may be collected on this Occasion, to be remitted to the Select Men and Overseers of the Port of the Town of Boston, with whom will be lodged the Collections made in that Government, to be distributed amongst the Sufferers, as they, in their Discretion, shall judge proper.

I do therefore hereby most earnestly recommend to the Benevolence and Charity of the good People of this Province, the calamitous and ruined Condition of these unhappy Sufferers; not doubting, but as all are Subject to the like Calamities, and under like Misfortunes would hope to expect the Assistance of their Fellow Subjects and Fellow Christians, that every Person amongst us will contribute on this Occasion, towards alleviating the Miseries of the unhappy Sufferers, in proportion to the Means wherewith God hath usually blessed us. And I do require the several Rectors of Parishes, and other Ministers of the Gospel within this Province; to read, or cause to be read, this Brief, to their respective Congregations, on the first, second, and third Sundays after they shall receive the same; that they induce thereon, such Collections as shall be by them usually made; and that this Brief with the Judgement thereon, they forthwith transmit to me; and the Sums Collected, they are forthwith to pay to the Sheriff of said County, to be immediately transmitted to the Comptroller of the Paper Currency Office, in the City of Annapolis, that the same may be speedily remitted to the Select Men and Overseers of the Port of the Town of Boston, agreeable to the laudable and charitable Design of the Contributors.

Given at the City of Annapolis, the sixth Day of May, in the Tenth Year of his Lordships Dominion, and in the Year of our Lord Christ, 1760.

*Hor: Sharpe*

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At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the Second Day of June in Tenth Year of his Lordships Dominion of Annoque Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency *Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor*

The Honourable *Benjamin Tucker Esq: Col: Charles Hammond, Stephen Rodley Esq:.*

Ordered, with the Advice of this Board, that the Assembly which stands prorogued to the first Monday in July be further prorogued to the first Monday in August being the fourth Day of the same Month and Proclamations issued accordingly.

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At a Council held at Ballin on Monday the Seventh Day of July in the Tenth Year of his Lordships Dominion of Annoque Domini 1760.

Present

His Excellency *Horatio Sharpe Esq: Governor*

The Honourable *Benjamin Tucker Esq: Col: Benjamin Tucker, Benedict Calvert Esq:.*

Ordered, with the Advice of this Board, that the Assembly which stands prorogued to the first Monday in August be further prorogued to the first Tuesday in October next being the Seventh Day of the same Month and Proclamations issued accordingly.