

A Council held at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the first Day of January in the
 tenth Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoq. Domini 1701.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The honourable Benjamin Tasker Esq. Stephen Bodley Esq. and John Kidout Esq.

Read the Conviction of Negro Tom and Negro Vace of Charles County Slaves of a certain Hugh Mitchell
 of the same County whereby it appears Sentence of Death had been passed upon them for breaking open the Abat-
 House of a certain Catharine Price and stealing therefrom sundry Goods and Chattels, and the Report of the
 Justices thereupon sent by the Clerk of the said County, and also the Petition of the Reverend Theophilus Swift
 and some of the Justices of the said County recommending the said Negroes as Objects of Mercy.

Ordered with the Advice of this Board that pardon issue for the said Negroes which issued accordingly.

His Excellency having while the Council was sitting received a Packet by Express from Philadelphia was
 pleased after opening it to inform the Board that it contained Instructions from the Right Honourable the Lord
 Proprietary issued as appears upon the Demise of his late Majesty King George the second of Blessed Memory
 Instructions from his sacred Majesty King George the third, A Letter from his present Majesty's most
 honourable Privy Council to the Right Honourable Lord Baltimore together with a Form of a Proclamation to
 be published in this his Majesty's Province of Maryland, and also sundry Proclamations and Declarations made
 by his sacred Majesty King George the third, which Instructions, Form of a Proclamation, Proclamations
 and Declarations are as follow.

Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon in America Lord
 Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland.

Orders and Instructions to be observed and pursued by our trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq.
 our Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of our Province of Maryland.

In Baltimore.

The Almighty God having been pleased to take to his Mercy our late Sovereign Lord King George the
 second of glorious Memory, you are immediately on the Receipt of these my Orders and Instructions to summons
 our Provincial Council of State and make known to them ^{that} his Majesty's Demise the Imperial Crowns of Great
 Britain, France and Ireland are solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince George, Prince of
 Wales our only lawful Liege Lord King George the third, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland Defender
 of the Faith and so forth, and to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Allegiance with all hearty and real
 Affection. And the Lords of the Privy Council having signified to me "It having pleased Almighty God to take
 to his Mercy out of this troublesome Life our late Sovereign Lord King George the second of blessed and glorious
 Memory and thereupon his Royal Majesty King George the third being here proclaimed We have thought fit
 to signify the same unto your Lordship to the End that you do give immediate Directions for proclaiming his
 most sacred Majesty King George the third in the Province of Maryland according to the Form here enclosed
 with the Solemnities and Ceremonies requisite on the like Occasions." I now herewith inclose to you the said
 Form, and I strictly require and direct that you and our said Council do cause the same to be proclaimed in our