

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 20 of April Anno
Domini 1762

Present

- His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esquire Governour
- Benjamin Tasker Esq.^r } Benedict Calveet Esq.^r
- Sam^l Chamberlain Esq.^r } Col^l Henry
- Col^l Lloyd } Stephen Bradley Esq.^r
- Richard Lee Esq.^r } John Ridout Esq.^r

His Excellency lays before this Board the following Letter received by him from the Right Honourable the Earl of Egremont One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as also the inclosed Declaration of War of His Majesty against the King of Spain

Whitehall January 7th 1762.

Sir,

His Majesty, having found it necessary to declare War against the King of Spain, was pleased, in a Council, held, on Saturday last at St. James, for that Purpose to sign the inclosed Declaration, and to order, that the same should be Published, on Monday the 5th Instant, by the Meralds at Arms, in the usual Places, and with the accustomed Formalities which has been accordingly done, you will find the just and indispenable Reasons which have forced the King to take this Measure, so fully set forth in the above Declaration of War, that I am only to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure, that you do cause the same to be Proclaimed in the Province of Maryland, under your Government, in order that the King's Subjects, having this Notice, may take care to prevent any Mischief, which, otherwise they might suffer from the Enemy, and do their duty, in their several stations, to disturb and annoy the Subjects of Spain; and His Majesty would have you be very rigorous and severe in preventing any provisions, Ammunition or Stores, of any kind, from being carried to them, and you are to use all proper Methods, that may be most effectual for that Purpose,

I am with great Truth and Regard,

Sr,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Egremont

P.S. His Majesty has been Pleas'd to order Letters of Marque, or Commissions to Privateers, to be granted in the usual Manner.