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in America on the happy Conclusion of the Peace; We have received His Majesty's
Commands to signify to you His Royal Pleasure that you do, upon Receipt of this
Letter, appoint a proper and early Day of Thanksgiving to be Observed by all His
Majesty's good Subjects under your Government, in such manner and with such
Forms of Prayer as have been usual on like Occasions,

We are

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

Shelburne. John Yorke
James Ingham, Geo. Rice
Geo. Bacon } Bamber Gascoyne

To
His Excellency Horatio Esq. Deputy }
Governor of Maryland... }
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By His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.
Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation.

for a Day of Public Thanksgiving

Whereas Our most gracious Sovereign, judging it proper that a public
Thanksgiving to almighty God, should be observed by all His good Subjects,
Throughout His extensive Dominions, for the Blessings of Peace, Between great
Britain, France, and Spain, lately restored, hath caused his pleasure to be sig-
nified to me, by a Letter from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners
for Trade and Plantations: in Obedience therefore to His Majesty's Commands,
and that all His Loyal and good Subjects within this Province, may have an
Opportunity of Expressing, in a public and solemn Manner, their Thankful-
ness for the Happy Conclusion of Peace, between His Majesty Our most graci-
ous Sovereign, and the most Christian and Catholic Kings, and of Adoring with
humble and gratefull Hearts, the Divine Goodness which makes Wars to cease:

I Do by the advice of his Lordships Council of State, appoint Tuesday
the Twenty third Day of August next, to be set apart, and Observed throughout this
Province, as a Day of public praise and thanksgiving; and I do hereby recommend
it to the several Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, to Compose proper
Addresses to the Divine Majesty, to be used in their Respective Churches and
Chapels on that Day, and likewise Sermons suitable to the Occasion; and