

The following Answer the Count being prepared was read, and approved of, and by his Excellency transmitted accordingly.

Annapolis 25 October 65

Sir

I return you thanks for the Letter you were pleas'd to write the 22^d Instant to Advise me of your having received on Board his Majesty's Ship Sarcione, the Manuscript, which had been sent on the Royal Charter for this Province. As it has no place of Security where the Paper was it to be inland, could be lodged, I should be afraid to have it brought on Shore till I can communicate to the Assembly which is to meet here next Thursday, the contents of your Letter and receive their Advice on the Occasion that otherwise the Paper should be destroyed by the Indians. In the mean time I must desire the favour of you to keep the Paper on Board the Sarcione, unless you should have an Opportunity of putting it on Board some other of his Majesty's Ships bound to this Province.

Yours
J. M. D.

At a Council held at the Governour on Thursday the 31st day of October in the fifteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1765.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour

The honorable Benj. Tasker, Benedict Calvert, John Ridout and Henry Hooper Esq.

Ordered by His Excellency the Governour, with the Advice of this Board, that the present General Assembly, which was this day to have met, be further prorogued to Friday the 5th day of November next, there not being a sufficient number of Members of the Lower House met to make a Quorum and Proclamation issued accordingly.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Friday the 4th day of November in the Fifteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1765.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour

The honorable Benjamin Tasker, Benedict Calvert, John Sulamy and Henry Hooper Esq.

His Excellency is pleas'd to lay before this Board, a Writ for the Election of a Delegation for the City of Annapolis, and desires their Opinion whether or not he ought to sign it.

The Consideration of this Matter is put off until to Morrow Morning.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Saturday the 5th day of November in the Fifteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1765.

Present as yesterday

On resuming the Consideration of the Question proposed yesterday, This Board do Advise His Excellency to sign the Writ.