

Our Council held at the Council Chamber on Sunday the
10th day of December, in the Fifth Year of his Lordships Dominion,
Anne Domine 1765. Present,

His Excellency, Sir Peter Brouncker, Governor.

The humble Benjamin Tasker, Benedict Cabot, Dan Dulaney, Sr. Tidout, Henry
Hooper Esq.^{rs}

Captain Evan Shelby, being examined before this Board, made the following
Deposition.

Captain Evan Shelby being examined concerning some reports, which have been
spread, concerning a Number of Armed Men being collected to come down to Annapolis, faith,
that when he came from Frederick Town on Friday last, there were between three and four
hundred Men there, many of them ^{armed} with Guns and Tomahawks, that he did understand they
were about to choose Officers, and to March down, in Companies, to Annapolis, in Order to
settle the Disputes betwixt the Two Houses of Assembly, in relation to passing the Journal, and
that he was informed by Joseph Hunt and Ralph Matson, that they heard (or was say, that
nothing would be done unless the People did come down, that the People did say, they would
come down in a civil Manner, to see whether the Business was done, and if it was not,
they would not return until it was done, that he was desired by a Number of them, to head One
of the Companies, and on his refusal they desired him to acquaint the People at Annapolis
that they were coming.

Evan Shelby,

10th December 1765. In the Council Chamber.

Taken and sworn to before Henry Hooper.

Mrs. William Lux, and John Burges's Magistrates of this County, being sent for, give the
following Information.

William Lux and Mr. Burges's Magistrates of Anne Arundell County, being
examined do say, that they were commanded and compelled, by a Number of the Inhabitants on
Elk Ridge, to come down to Annapolis on this Day, and to have a Conference with the Members
of this County, in Order to learn, what State or Situation the Journal was in, and to send an
Express immediately, to acquaint them therewith, and that according to the Contents or Tenor
of such Express, a Number of them would, or would not, be within Sight of the City of Annapolis
to Morrow or the next day, where they would halt and wait for these Examinants to come forth
to them, as they did not intend to come into the City, but if a favourable Answer, as was expected,
was received, were determined immediately to proceed to their Respective Homes.

Tuesday 11th December 1765.

His Excellency, by the Advice of this Board, sends the following Message to the Lower House
of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly.

Having this Afternoon received certain Information, that between three and four
hundred Men, many of them Armed with Guns and Tomahawks, were assembled on Friday
last