

At a Council held at the Governours on Tuesday  
the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September in the Seventeenth Year of his  
Majestys Dominion Annoq. Domini 1766.

Present:

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governour.

The Honble. Benedict Calvert, John Ridout, and Cha. Goldsborough Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the two following Letters, One from His Grace the Duke  
of Richmond, One of his Majestys Principal Secretaries of State, and the other from Sir John Pownall Esq. Se-  
cretary to the Board of Trade, together with Copies of sundry Acts of Parliament passed last Session.

Sir

Whitehall 12<sup>th</sup> June 1766.

I have the Pleasure of transmitting to you herewith Inclosed a Printed Copy of An Act of Parliament  
Entituled An Act for indemnifying Persons who have incurred certain Penalties by An Act of the last Session  
of Parliament for granting certain Stamp Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America  
as also a Copy of another Act for opening and establishing certain Ports in the Islands of Jamaica and  
Bermuda for the more free Importation and Exportation of certain Goods, and Merchandizes and other  
Purposes therein set forth. Thus you see, Sir, that not only the greatest Attention has been shewn  
to his Majestys American Subjects, by the Repeal of An Act which they had complained of but those Grievan-  
ces in Trade which seemed to be the first and chief Object of their Unreasons, have been taken into Considera-  
tion and such Regulations have been established as will it is hoped, restore the Trade of America, not only to its  
former flourishing State, but be the Means of greatly increasing and improving it, to the Conveniency and Ad-  
vantage of all his Majestys Subjects in every part of his Dominions. With these Views have these Regulate-  
ions been enacted, and from the best enquiries into the Commerce of America, it is more than Probable, that  
very salutary Effects will answer the Intentions. Such manifest Concern and tender Regard shewn by His  
Majesty and his Parliament for the true Happiness and Prosperity of the Colonies and Plantations, can-  
not fail to persuade, to produce, on their Part, suitable Sentiments of Duty, Respect and Gratitude, to  
their King and of Love and Attachment to their Mother Country.

To Horatio Sharpe Esq.  
Lieut. Governour of Maryland.

I am with great Truth and Regards Sir  
Your most Obedt. Humble Servant

Richmond.

Sir

Whitehall 10<sup>th</sup> June 1766.

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to transmit to you  
a Printed Copy of each of the several Acts passed in the last Session of Parliament which relate to America.

To Horatio Sharpe Esq.  
Lieut. Governour of Maryland.

I am Sir  
Your most Obedt. and most Affct. Servant  
John Pownall.

The following Proclamation being read and approved of His Excellency, with the Advice of this Board,  
was pleased to Order, that Copies thereof together with the Acts of Parliament therunto annexed, be transmitted  
to the several Sheriffs requiring them to publish the same in their respective Counties. Ordered also  
that M. Green be directed to Print a Sufficient Number of Copies of the said Acts to annex to the Proclamation  
and also to publish in the next Maryland Gazette the Act Entituled An Act for altering the Oath of Abjura-  
tion and the Oath of Allegiance, and for amending so much of An Act of the Seventh Year of her late Majesty Queen  
Anne, entituled An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms, as after the time therein limited  
requires the delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons indicted of High Treason or  
Suspicion of Treason.

Maryland.