

Proceedings and of the Proceedings of the Assembly, and of the Condition of Affairs within your Government -

14 In case of your Death or Absence from our said Province and no other Person shall be resident on the place Commissionated or appointed by us to be our Lieutenant Governor the Eldest Councillor whose Name is first placed in our Commission appointing the Council and who shall be at the time of your Death or Absence residing within our said Province shall take upon him the Administration of the Government but not to Assent to or Pass any Act but what may be immediately necessary for the Peace and Welfare of our Province. - 15<sup>th</sup> You are to Cause these Instructions to be entered in the Council Books. -

Given at Baltimore House Westminster this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August in the Year of our Lord 1700. and in the 10<sup>th</sup> Year of our Dominion. - R. B.

12<sup>th</sup> June 1709. Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that the present General Assembly of this Province, which stands Prorogued to Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July next, be further Prorogued to Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November next, and Proclamations issued accordingly -

At a Council held at the Governours on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July in the Nineteenth Year of His Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1709.

Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour  
The Honourable Benedict Calvert, John Ridout, and George Stewart Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Read the Transcript of the Conviction of Negro David, the Slave of a certain Robert Martin of Charles County, Condemned at the last County Court held in the said County, for having committed a Rape on the Body of a certain Sarah Smith. -

Ordered by His Excellency the Governour, with the Advice of this Board, that a Death Warrant issue for the Execution of the aforesaid Negro David, on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August next, which issued accordingly. -

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board send Copies of the following Letter to the Clerks of Calvert, Frederick, Ann Arundel, Charles, Cecil, and Kent Counties which were transmitted accordingly -

I am Ordered by the Governour and Council to acquaint you that no Bond hath yet been returned to the Secretaries Office for the Sheriff of your County due Performance of his Office this Year; You will be pleased to inform the Magistrates, at their next Meeting, of this Commission, and that it is expected they will immediately transmit the said Bond and also enquire into the Cause of its having been detained so long after the Time, prescribed by the Act of Assembly for its being returned, hath elapsed -

Annapolis  
26<sup>th</sup> July 1709.

I am Sir Your most humble servant  
Wm Scott Esq<sup>r</sup>