

The following Proclamation issued
By His Excellency John Hopkins Stone Governor of Maryland
A Proclamation

Whereas it has been represented to the Executive that Cokesbury College in the Town of Abington in Harford County was on the fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five consumed by Fire and that some malicious Persons are supposed to have wilfully set fire to the same. and Whereas it is of the greatest Importance to Society that the Perpetrators of such a Crime should be discovered and brought to Justice. I have therefore thought proper by and with the advise and Consent of the Council to issue this my Proclamation thereby offering a Reward of two hundred Dollars for the discovery of the person or persons by whom the said offence may have been committed. Provided that the said person or persons be brought to Justice therefor. Given in Council at the City of Annapolis under the seal of the State of Maryland this Eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety five

By his Excellency's Command (signed) J. H. Stone

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God save the State

By a transcript from the proceedings of Queen Ann's County Court it appears that Benjamin Skinner of the said County was by the said Court at May Term seventeen hundred and Ninety five fined on several presentments the quantity of seven thousand and fifty six pounds and two thirds of Tobacco for selling spiritous liquors without licence. To which transcript is annexed a recommendation from the Judges of the said Court for a remission of the said fines on account of the poverty and numerous family of the Petitioner. The Board on consideration of the circumstances of the case do order and direct that the said fines be and the same are (on payment of costs of suits) hereby remitted.

Signed,

Henry Bridgely
John Davidson
William Kelly
James Thomas

Saturday December 12. 1795

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and The Hon^{ble} Henry Bridgely William Kelly and James Thomas Esquires.