

Lords of His Majesty's privy Council to the Lord Prvy with a form of a
Proclamation to be published in this Province; a printed copy of the things
proclamation continuing Officers, & his Instructions with an Order in Council
annexed directing an Alteration to be made in the Prayers for the Royal
Family, having been brought to me by Express from Phila.^a last Friday Evening
(being the 23rd Inst) when all the Gentlemen of the Council who reside in Town
(except Mr Dulany who declined coming) happened to be assembled at my
House I laid the same before them & it having been thereupon resolved that His
present Majesty King George the Third should be proclaimed in this City
the Tuesday following at Twelve o'clock, the same was notified to the absent
Members of the Council, the Gentlemen of the Corporation of Annapolis, & the
Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County who were desired to attend the
Ceremony as were also the Commanding Officers of the City & County Militia
with their several Troops & Companies. In the mean time Mr Pops was ordered
to prepare the Proclamations &c. that were to be published in this City & also
proclamations &c. to be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Counties with Directions
from the Secretary's Office requiring all Magistrates & Officers throughout the
Province to take the Oaths to His present Majesty. — Yesterday then being
the Day appointed for proclaiming His Majesty in this City, at 11 o'clock the
Armourer began & fired 34 Minute Guns from the Battery (the Colours or
Flag being hoisted half Staff high) & about Noon several Gentlemen of the
Council (who had met the Day before & together with myself taken the Oaths
to His Majesty King George the Third) several of the County Justices, the
Members of the Corporation & many other Gentlemen having assembled at my
House we went thence in procession (being preceded by four Deputy Sheriffs
with white Staves) to the Stadt House Hill where the City Company &
some of the County Militia being drawn up received us with Misted Arms, &
after a few Minutes His Majesty King George the Third was proclaimed by