

us on the Parade in the Form of Words directed by the Lords of Trade; as soon
 as the proclamation was read. There were three loud Shouts of Long live King
 George the Third, then (the Flag having been hoisted quite up) a Royal Salute
 of 21 Guns was fired from the Battery & the Militia fired three Volleys. After
 which was read His Majesty's most gracious Declaration in Council upon his
 accession & then the Battery & Militia fired three Salvoes. Afterwards were pub-
 lished the King's proclamation continuing Officers, & also a Proclamation issued
 by me in pursuance of His Majesty's Instructions for making the Alterations
 directed in the prayers for the Royal Family (which will be also published
 in all places of Worship) & then having drank His Majesty's Health (for w^{ch}
 purpose Wine & punch had been brought on the parade) the principal Gent^l
 who attended on the Occasion returned & dined at my House & when His
 Majesty's Health was drank again after Dinner the Battery fired another
 Royal Salute. Could the Gentlemen of the Council who reside in the Country
 have come hither & been present at the Ceremony of the proclamation We should
 probably (at least I would have proposed it) have immediately joined in
 an Address of condolance & Congratulation to His Majesty, to be presented as
 His L^{ds} should think fit, but as Col: Hammond & Mr Thomas are confined
 by Sickness & the other Gentlemen could not well come to Annapolis at this
 time on Acco^t of the Weather which hath been very severe, this Affair must
 be postponed awhile till we know whether the Assembly is to meet again
 this Spring or not, for if that is to be the case the Lower House might per-
 haps take it amiss were we to address His Majesty without giving them an
 Opportunity of joining with us. Inclosed is a copy of a Letter
 that I lately received from Mr Pownall Secy to the Board of Trade by
 which You will perceive that I am required to transmit to their L^{ds} under
 the Great Seal three or four printed Copies of the Acts of Assembly now