

Maryland's

1698

A Council held at the Port and Town of Annapolis in Anne
Arundell County the 23 day of February 1698 in the tenth year of his
Majestys Reign &c

The honble Sir Thomas Laurence Baronet Secretary Col Henry Jones Edward Burdett Esq

This day by his Majestys Will of Election or summons being appointed for the
meeting of the General Assembly of this Province pursuant thereto appeared at the
Council Board the following Delegates by Indenture returned for Saint Marys
Anne Arundell Prince Georges and Calvert Counties viz Mr Jacob Moreland Major
John Hammond Mr James Saunders Mr Samuel Young Major Walter Smith Mr
Elisha Hall Mr William Hutchinson Mr John Wright Col Minian Beal and Major
William Beaton to whom by virtue of his Majestys Will of Deuimus potestatem
directed to the aforesaid Gentlemen of his Majestys honorable Council then present were
administered the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths
of Allegiance and Supremacy all which they took as likewise Mr William Bladen
Clerk of the said House of Delegates and at the same time the said members and Clerk
Subscribed the Test

After which was produced and read his Majestys writ of Prorogation in these words viz
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William the third by the Grace of God of England Scotland
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c to the members of our privy
Council and House of Delegates for this our Province of Maryland Greeting wher as
by our certain writ of election issued directed and sent unto the several Sheriffs of our
said Province bearing date the 11 day of January last past thereby empowering
them to call together four or more Commissioners of their respective Counties with their
Clerk to sit as a Court and during their sitting by virtue of their Office to make or cause
to be made publick proclamation thereby giving notice to all the Free men of their said
Counties Authorized by Law to appear at a certain day and Place appointed for the
Electing and Choosing four Delegates or Representatives to serve for each of their said
Counties and two for the City of Saint Marys at a General Assembly to be held at our
Town and Port of Annapolis the 23 day of February as by Recourse to our said Writ
being had may more fully and at large appear but for certain causes and Considerations
us thereunto especially moving we do think fit to defer put off and prorogue the sitting
of the said Assembly until the 8 day of March next and the same is hereby prorogued
Accordingly whereof you and every of you are to take due notice and in no wise to fail
meeting at this place the said eighth day of March appointed Given under the Broad
Seal of our said Province this 21 day of February 1698 and in the tenth year of
our reign Whence our trusty and well Beloved Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General &
Governor in chief in and over our said Province and Territories of Maryland

A Council met and held at the Port of Annapolis the 8 day of March 1698

Present

The honble Sir Thomas Laurence Baronet Secretary Col Henry Jones Chumcellor
Thomas Tench Esq

This day pursuant to prorogation several Delegates returned by Indentures according
to the writs of election met who were not before shown viz Captain Waughop for Saint Marys
City Mr Philip Clark Major John Low and Mr Thomas Beale for Saint Marys County
Captain Richard Hill for Anne Arundell County Mr James Cranford and Mr John Leach
Junior for Calvert County Mr Philip Hopkins Major James Smallwood Mr Henry Hau-
kins and Mr Benjamin Hill for Charles County Mr Thomas Staley Mr George Adman
and Mr John Hall for Baltimore County