

Lib. C. B. Ordered that the Clerk of this Board make a Copy of the said Instruction and lodge it with the Judge of the Admiralty for his further Directions

His Excellency is pleased to lay before the Board the following Letter

Whitehall 15 August 1743

Sir

p. 213 The Lords Justices having taken into Consideration the present uncertain State of publick Affairs, and the Danger that his Maj^{ty}s Dominions in America may be exposed to, from any sudden Attempts that might be made upon them, in Case a Rupture with France should ensue, in Consequence of the Steps which his Majesty has already taken, in support of the Queen of Hungary and the Common Cause, and the vigorous Measures, which the King is pursuing in all Parts for the same End, unless timely Care be taken to put the same into a proper Posture of Defence, Their Excellencies have commanded me to signify to you their Directions, that you should employ the most effectual Means for putting the Colony under your Command into the best Posture of Defence that shall be possible, and that you should be constantly upon your Guard against any Surprize from any Quarter whatsoever

I am S^r

Y^r most humble Servant

Dep^{ty} Gov^r of Maryland

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Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write to the several Colonels acquainting them of the said Letter, and desiring them diligently to train and exercise their Militia, that if need be they may be in a Condition to defend this Part of his Majestys Dominions

10th february 1743

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the present General Assembly which stands prorogued to the first Tuesday in March next be further prorogued to the first Tuesday in May next being the sixth day of the same Month, and Proclamations issued accordingly.

2^d March 1743

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following Proclamation issue