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His Excellency then requested the Council to take the whole of this Matter both with regard to the adjournment and dispensing power assumed by the Lower house in the dismissal of M.^r J. Hagar into their Serious Consideration and was pleased to assure the Board that he Should be happy in being governed by their advice on this and every occasion of Such importance to the Prerogative of the Proprietary and the honour of the Government he was intrusted with.

Upon Consideration of his Excellency's representation, the Council Answered that they Could not without the utmost disapprobation and Concern reflect upon the very intemperate Proceedings of the Lower House of Assembly as well in respect of their assuming a power to abrogate an act of the Legislature by their Resolve in the Case of M.^r Hagar as of their unprecedented adjournment for 13 or 14 days without the Concurrence or Consent of any other person or previous intimation of their intention or desire to adjourn and Should not Scruple to advise an immediate dissolution of the assembly if the Present Circumstances of this Province were less peculiar than they are but as the Speedy enaction of Some Laws is Necessary for the general welfare and tranquility and a dessolution would prevent it, So they think a prorogation would be more expedient at this time than a dissolution, and it being their wish to promote these important purposes recommended to his Excellency a prorogation for 15 or 16 days and especially as there will be an opportunity of animadverting on the unconstitutional and violent Conduct of the Lower house when they again meet.

In consequence whereof His Excellency was pleased to Issue Proclamation to the Several Counties within this province, pro-
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By His Excellency Robert Eden Esquire Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over the Province of Maryland.

“A Proclamation”

“Whereas for many important reasons I find myself under a necessity of proroguing the Present General Assembly of this Province.

I do therefore by and with the advice of the Lord Proprietarys Council of State, Prorogue the Same to Tuesday the Sixteenth day of November next. And to the intent that all persons Concerned May have due notice thereof; I do Strictly Charge and require the Several Sherriffs of this Province to Make this my Proclamation Publick in their respective Counties in the usual Manner as they will Answer the Contrary at their peril.