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U.H.J. less agreeable to your wishes than I did in convening you I will not press you to take that affair into Consideration till your next meeting but shall Content myself at present with recommending it particularly to those Gentlemen of each house that are Commanders and Officers to have the Militia in their respective Counties duly Mustered and exercised agreeable to Our present Laws which I shall by Proclamation order to be Strictly put into execution till one more perfect and effectual can be made for that purpose. I hope that the Provision that is now made for the Protection of the Inhabitants will give them some Satisfaction And though I could wish that a larger Share of the Forty thousand pounds had been appropriated to the immediate defence of the Frontiers yet I hope enough is done to revive the Spirits of the back Inhabitants and encourage them at least to remain on their respective Plantations. And Gentlemen as you have in the Supply Bill Signifyed an earnest desire to be Convened again in the Winter I propose to gratify you unless such a Step should then appear unnecessary or any extraordinary Occurrence Oblige me to put the Country to the expence of a Session before: In the mean time I desire you will in your Several Counties Exert yourselves as becomes worthy Members of the Community and a Branch of the Legislature and that by promoting Harmony among the people by your Conversation and discouraging by your influence such practices as may tend to disquiet the minds of your Constituents and to disturb the Public Tranquility you will Endeavor to Convince all factions and Malevolent persons that they cannot be more industrious in Contriving Mischief than we are Vigilant and carefull to render their Wicked designs abortive.

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Gentlemen of Both houses.

In Confidence that you will unanimously Aid this good part and by your good Conduct as Private Gentlemen endeavour to approve yourselves worthy of the Trust reposed in you I heartily wish you all happiness and Prosperity and agreeable to your desire, I do, with the advice of his Lordships Council of State Prorogue this Assembly to the first Monday in January next, to which day you are to take Notice that you are prorogued accordingly

Thus Ends this Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis on Monday the 23:d day of February and Ending the 22:d day of May following in the sixth year of his Lordships dominion and in the 29th year of his Majestys Reign Annoq domini 1756.

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