

By his Excellency the Gov^r & Councill

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Maryland ss

Whereas it is credibly informed that Coll Peter Sayer of Talbot County hath lately uttered & divulged divers false scandalous mutinous & seditious speeches and reports of and concerning this their Majestys Government and hath & doth also combine conspire & confederate with other their Majestys Enemies in this Province to the betraying of the Government thereof, here by their Royal Authority lawfully established the Bespattering Reviling abusing affronting & scandalously Reflecting upon the same endeavouring thereby to divert & alienate others their Majestys good and loyal Subjects from their due and natural Love & Affection faith & allegiance to their s^d Majestys and this their Government contrary to the Peace & the Laws in such case made & Provided and whereas also one Thomas Smith a Romish Preist of the same wicked & evil mind & Principles coming from Cannida under the Dominion of the French King into this Province in the nature of a Spy and for such other trayterous and treasonable designs intents and purposes as is & may be reasonably suspected from him or any other Person un^{dr} his circumstances is and hath been for some considerable time privately Lodged harboured & entertained by the said Sayer in his house

These are therefore in their Majestys names to will & require as also to strictly Charge and Command you Captain Iohn Davis William Asquith and William Bladon Gent or any or either of you forthwith to apprehend seize & take into your care & charge the Bodys of the said Peter Sayer & Tho^s p. 186 Smith or either of them wheresoever to be found, and him or them in your Custody safe keep so as to have them before his Excellency the Governor at the City of S^t Marys with all possible & convenient speed and you, or any or either of you as aforesaid are hereby also authorised and empowred willed & required to search for in the private closet or any part of the said House of the said Sayer all mutinous seditious trayterous or treasonable papers writings or pamphletts any ways tending or Relating to the Betraying of their Majestys Service & Interest, or otherwise Contriving Conspiring or Confederating with any their Enemies in opposition thereunto or of this their Governm^t also to unlock and break open and search all Chests trunks Cabinets tables doors or other private & Suspected places (where the keys shall be denied or refused you) for all such papers &c^a as aforesaid & the same when & wheresoever found forthwith to seize & take into your Custody and them safely and securely keep & put into a Bag by you to be fast and close sealed up & Brought forthwith to his said Excellency with the Persons