

Liber B.
P. R. O. It is taken into serious Consideration by this board the present juncture of Affaires in England and the Invasion thereof threatned by the Dutch or some others doe thinke it convenient that this province be put in as good a posture of defence as the same is capable of And being well informed that the publick Armes thereof are unfixed and much out of order. Doe therefore order that proclamation issue for the bringing in the same and to be sent to St Maries or Mattapany in Patuxon to be fixed and amended and sent back againe to the severall Counties Which proclamation issued in these words.

Maryland ss.

By the Deputy Governor

A Proclamation

Wee the deputy Governors of this province takeing into Consideration the present Juncture of Affaires in England and the likelyhood that now is of warrs betweene the kings
p. 191 most Excellent Ma^{ty} and some of his Maj^{ties} neighbouring princes or potentates. Have thought fit so farr as may lye in the power and abillity of this province to Endeavour the same may be in as good a posture of defence against the Enemies of our King and Country as the same is capable of, And being well assured the publick Armes of this province are unfixed, out of order and altogether unfit for service, Doe therefore by this our proclamacōn publish and declare as also will and Command That all and every person and persons whatsoever dwelling resideing or Inhabiteing within this province Doe forthwith bring in and deliver into some Collonel, Major, Captaine, or other military Comissionate officer of horse or foote in each County All the publick Armes in their severall Custodies which officers are hereby Comanded forthwith to deliver the same to the sheriffe of each County To be by the said sheriffe sent to St Maries or Mattapany in Patuxon to the end the said Armes may by smithes for that purpose appoynted be amended fixed and made ready and fit for service And returned to the said Countyes againe And wee the said Deputy Governors doe hereby also further publish declare will require and strictly command all and every the said officers that they use all possible dilligence Industry and Endeavour for the procuring and getting into each of their respective custodies The publick Armes aforesaid and delivering the same together with such Armes as already they have in their hands to the sheriffs as aforesaid and that imediately after the receipt of the same by the sheriffs They the said sheriffs giveing the severall Officers receipts for what they receive shall imediately presse boats and hands to convey the same to Mattapany to the hono^{ble} Coll Henry Darnall or to