

Lib. R. R. any of the Peoples modest & reasonable requests. And till then we must lett the Province know that we expect a prompt Obedience to his Lord^{pps} Lawes & just Comands as they now stand warranted by Lawe And that we are resolved severely to Enquire into any future breaches of the Lawes or disturbances of the publiq Peace & repose of the Province. Looke, we Intreate you, upon the distressed & miserable Condiçõn of our Neighbour Colony torne in peeces under the maske of publique Reformatiõ & ease from taxes. Reflect upon the Barbarous Enemy hovering over our heads, & lett not any under what Vizard soever leade you into the Calamities of an Intestine Warre, from which & from all others my Lords Paternall care a long tyme defended, till some men wise in their owne conceitts beyond the Lawe of God or Nations enkindled a fire which yett burnes & will we feare consume Thousands of the Guiltlesse as well as of Guilty, Unlesse God in his mercy putt thoughts of Peace into the mindes of Barbarians, & fill their hearts with desires becoming the most Christian & most Civilized Nations God wills Obedience & not Sacrafice, & as a Reward of that Obedience you may as certainly as justly Expect that ease from payments you so earnestly Covett, when all struggling against knowne Lawes does but Arme the hands of Justice, & force Governo^{rs} to chargeable wayes of Protection & defence of the whole, unlesse they will render themselves Guilty of all the bloud Rapine & Confusion that lawlesse Invaders of their Neighbours Rights can Involve the negligent & unwary Governo^{rs} of a Country in, ffrom which wee hope God will defend his Lord^{pp} & all the good People of this Province.

By the Deputy Leivtenant
Proclamation

fforasmuch as there are divers mutinous and Seditious persons in Virginia who have presumed in a Rebellious manner to take up Armes against his Sacred Majestyes established Government there, under the Right Hon^{ble} S^r W^m Berkeley committing divers Outrages as well upon the persons as the Estates of his said Ma^{ties} faithfull Subjects & imposeing Oaths upon the people by all meanes seekeing to bind their Consciences to uphold their Rebellion, even against such fforges as his said Ma^{tie} shall thinke fitt to send for the Quelling of the said Rebels and establishing peace in the said Colony And whereas the said S^r W^m Berkeley hath forbidden all Shippes rideing in Virginia to trade trafficke or Commerce with any Inhabitant in Virginia least the said Rebels should be aided, comforted or assisted. By the advice and consent