

Maryland ss.

By the Liev<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup>  
A Proclamacōn

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Whereas the severall Clerkes of the respective Countyes within this Province have formerly bin very negligent in their severall Offices, by omitting (contrary to the duty of their places & the Lawes of this Province) to transmitt into the Secretaryes Office all such Alienacōn of lands as are entred upon Record on the Severall County Court bookes, not only to the great damage & prejudice of his Lord<sup>pp</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> of this Province in his rents & ffines for Alienacōn, but also to the great confusion in the Rent Rolls of the respective Countyes, so that his Lord<sup>pp</sup> cannot many tymes come to the knowledge of the tenants by which meanes in tyme itt may worke a greater mischief if previous remedy be not applyed These are therefore (by & with the advice consent & approbation of his Lord<sup>pps</sup> Councell) to will require & comand the respective Justices of peace in each respective County imediately after the publicacōn hereof, that they order the Clerkes of their respective Countyes fairly to transcribe from the Record booke an Extract of all such Alienacōns of land as have att any tyme heretofore been entred upon the Record booke of the County & as yett not transcribed & remitted to the Secretaryes Office And the same Alienacōns so transcribed & extracted to transmitt into the Secrys Office of this Province by the first day of July next ensueing the date of this Proclamacōn To the end that the Secry of this Province & his Lord<sup>pps</sup> Receivers gen<sup>ll</sup> may make out a compleat rent roll for each County And every Clerke that shall refuse to transcribe & transmitt such Extract of the Alienacōns as aforesaid after notice or comand given him by the Justices of the County shall not only loose his Clerkeshipp of the County where he officiates, but shall likewise be lyable to all such penalties & fines as the Lawes of this Province in case of such neglects have provided And the Justices of each respective County or any three or more of them are hereby (by & with the advice & consent aforesaid) willed & required to make strict Inquisicōn whether the Clerkes of their respective Countyes have (according to the tenor of a certaine Act of Assembly made the last Sessions of Assembly & within the tyme therein lymitted) fairely transcribed into a book all & singuler the Lawes of this Province then in force, as by the said Act they are required An acco<sup>t</sup> whereof under their hands & Seales they are to render unto the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> att or before the last day of the next Provinciaall Court which shall be held in Aprill next ensueing To the end that all such Clerkes that have been omissive & negligent in their office may be proceeded against according to the tenor of the said Act And