

right of appeale and bringing Writts of Erro^r in Our Prov^l Lib. R.
Court as now by Law is settled. And Wee command the
Sheriff of Our said County at the said Dayes and places by
you or any four or more of you to be appointed as aforesaid
he cause to Come before you such and soe many of the
Honest and Lawfull men of this Bayliwick by whom the truth
in the premisses may the better be knowne and enquired
unto. In Testimony whereof Wee have caused the great
Seale of Our said Province of Maryld. to these p^rsents to be
Affixed the Eighth Day of March in the fourth yeare of Our
Dominion over Our s^d Provinces Annoq Dmi 1678:

The like Comissⁿ verbatim mutandis to every County.

By the Lord Prop^{ty}

A Proclamation

Whereas We are Given to und^rstand that the trade of Our
Province is greatly Decayed, & that One great reason thereof
is that Debts cannot readily be recovered as matters in the
usuall Adm^rcōn of Justice now stand which in the beginning
of the seateing of the Province was sufficiently effectually by
the Cohabitacōn or at least neighbourhood of the Justices of
Our Prov^l Court who then were noe waies hindered by
weather or other Casualtyes from giveing their Constant
attendance at the usuall Courts, which are frequent enough if
weather and Distance of place did not hinder their meeteing,
and soe inevitably cause frequent adjournem^{ts}

Wee therefore for the Ease and benefit of all his Maj^{ties} Sub-
jects either resideing in this Province und^r Our Immediate
Governm^t or tradinge hither, and for the more speedy
recovery of Debts which is the life of trade. By the advice of
Our Councill have thought fitt hereby to Publish that Wee
have by Commiss^s und^r Our greate Impowered certain
Comiss^{ns} in each County of this Our Province to hold County
Courts for tryall of all Actions of Debt ariseing within their
County & brought there against the Inhabitants of that
County by whomsoever or whensoever Contracted whither by
Bond Bill or Accompt and to any value soever, saveing to
every man notwithstanding his liberty to prosecute in Our
Prov^l as formerly or in the said County Courts at his pleasure.
Whereof we Comānd the severall & Respective Sheriffes of
the Countys to make publick Proclamation at the usuall
places in their Respective Countys, and then to leave the
Proclamation fixed in the place where their County Court is
usually held, Whereof they are not to faile Given at Our
City of St. Maries und^r Our greate Seale Of Our Province of