

Lib. R. R. greater Confidence then in this o<sup>r</sup> Province nor at any time more then now in this time of Danger by the Incursions of Foreigne Indians, when the minds of People ought to be most vnited & whereas diuers good Lawes are now in force ag<sup>st</sup> divulgers of falce news Rumors & reports though (wee feare) either forgotten by the People, or neglected to be executed by the Majestrate Wee, do therefore by this our Proclamacōn require all the good people of this our Province to take notice of the said Lawes Wee being resolved to see them exactly prosecuted & duely executed & to th<sup>t</sup> end do by this o<sup>r</sup> Proclamacōn strictly Charge all Officers both millitary & Civill to make diligent enquiry after all divulgers of falce news & reports, tending to the disturbance of the peace of this o<sup>r</sup> Province, & them found out to apprehend & bring  
 p. 187 before some Majestrate theire to finde sureties for their good behaviour & appearance at o<sup>r</sup> then next Provintiall Court, to the end they may be proceeded ag<sup>st</sup> according to Lawe & receive Condigne punishment for the same Given at our City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries vnder the great seale of this our said Province of Maryland the ffourteenth day of July in the sixth year of o<sup>r</sup> Dom &c<sup>a</sup> Annoq Dom. One thousand six hundred Eighty & One  
 Philip Calvert

Lib. R. At a Council held at the City of St. Maries the One and  
 p. 212 twentieth day of July Anno Domini 1681:

The R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup>  
 Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chancelo<sup>r</sup>  
 William Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Secry

John Hoskins of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County according to summons from his L<sup>spp</sup> to him formerly directed makes his appearance at this board

Who was charged with saying in some Company that if he had said half soe much as Cap<sup>t</sup> Coode had said he would runn away too, and being required to testifie upon oath what it was Cap<sup>t</sup> Coode should say to cause those expressions to come from him being duely sworne saith that possibly in drink such or the like words might by him be spoken but that Coode should speake any thing mooveing him thereunto he knowes not being sometimes apt to talk at randome in drink and speake what he cann give noe Accompt of

William Hodgeson according to order of this board the last Councill Day makes his appeareance and haveing taken his oath upon the holy Evangelist saith that being up at a horse Race at M<sup>r</sup> Rumseys in Company with Simon Stacy and others he told Stacy that he heard he had fforted in his house,