

Lib. R. R. R. generall a disappointm^t that the aforementioned sorts of graine (viz) Indian Corne and Wheate are already become very scarce within this Province, insoemuch that it is to be feared the same will scarcely Supply the common necessities of the Inhabitants of this Province Sufficiently for themselves and ffamilyes as from the generall Rumor and reports from all parts of this Province Wee have heard and received; Wee have therefore thought fitt and doe by and with the Advice and consent of our Councill hereby strictly prohibit & forbid all and singular the Inhabitants of this our Province upon any pretence whatsoever, to sell or otherwise dispose off to any M^rchant or Master of Shipp or Vessell, or other p^{erson} whatsoever any Indian Corne or Wheate of any Quantity whatsoever, to be exported out of this Province to any other port or place whatsoever, as they will answer the contrary at their perill by incurring our displeasure, and the heavy consequences thereof, Any former order warrant or lycense to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding. Hereby also willing and requiring all m^rchants and Masters of Shipp^s & Vessells and other p^{ersons} whatsoever tradeing into, Inhabiting or resideing within this Province to take due cognizance hereof, soe as not to Shipp take receive or putt on board any Shipp or Vessell whatsoever to export out of this Province any the aforesaid Graine of Indian Corne or wheate as they will answer the contrary at their perill as aforesaid. And Wee doe by and with the Advice and consent of our Councill strictly charge and command all and Singular our Officers civill and Military within this Province, and others the good people thereof to make diligent search and enquiry in and about their severall and respective precincts and habitations concerning the breach hereof to the end that the Offend^{rs} herein may be p^{ro}ceeded against, as shall by us be thought fitt according to Law. Wee willing also & requireing all & singular the Sheriffes of this our Province by themselves or Dep^{ties} forthwith to make publick proclam^a hereof in the most publick and Convenient places within their respective Counties for the Information of all the Inhabitants of our said Province, and others herein Concerned, To the end that none Offending against th^e same may plead ignorance.

p. 12 Given under the Greate Seale of our s^d Province of Maryland the nine and Twentieth day of Decemb: in the ninth year^e of our Dominion &c. Annoq Dmi: 1683: