

hereby power and Authority, upon such their remissness, care-  
lessness, & negligences, in their places, or upon their insolent  
rude and disrespectfull carriage and comportment towards  
your Selves or any other our Deputies Commission<sup>rs</sup> and  
Councill to remoove them from their respective places and  
Offices, and others in their roome and places to appoint, untill  
you shall heare and understand our further pleasure therein

2<sup>dly</sup> That care be taken for the speedy repaireing the  
Court house, at S<sup>t</sup> Maries, at least that such repaires be forth-  
with made, as may be sufficient to secure the Records of our  
severall Offices, for we are very apprehensive that whilst the  
Offices are kept at M<sup>r</sup> Lynes his house, through the careless-  
ness of Clerks the Records may be destroyed by fire

3<sup>dly</sup> To call upon our Atto<sup>ny</sup> gen<sup>l</sup> to prosecute such  
Priests Ministers and Magistrates as presume to joine persons  
in wedlock contrary to the Laws of our Province.

Given under our hand and Seale at Armes this 24<sup>th</sup> of May  
1684:

Proclam<sup>a</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> Export<sup>a</sup> of Wheate and Ind<sup>n</sup> Corne

By the Dep<sup>ties</sup> Lieveten<sup>ts</sup>

Maryland ss.

A Proclamation

Whereas It hath been the constant & known practice of  
divers the Inhabitants of this Province, and others tradeing  
hither to buy and ingross into their hands vast Quantities of  
English and Indian Corne in ord<sup>r</sup> to export the same upon  
M<sup>ch</sup>andize out of this Province into other parts, to the greate  
damage and Inconveniency of others the Inhabitants of this  
Province, not onely by Inhanceing the rates and prices thereof  
among themselves, but oftentimes by createing such a generall  
want and scarceity thereof, that sufficient for the maintenance  
of themselves and ffamilys has not thereupon been to be pro-  
cured; And whereas the unseasonableness of this present  
yeare will in all probability render both Wheate and Indian  
Corne very scarce within this Province for the yeare ensueing  
as from the generall rumo<sup>r</sup> and report we have heard and  
recd: Wee haveing therefore in Councill consulted and  
debated the same have thought fitt, and wee doe hereby  
strictly prohibitt & forbidd all and singular the Inhabitants  
and good people of this Province of what degree or Quality  
soever, upon any colour or pretence whatsoever to sell or  
otherwise dispose off to any M<sup>ch</sup>ant or Master of Shipp or  
Vessell, or other person whatsoever, or to load or putt on  
board any Shipp or Vessell any wheate or Indian Corne of  
any Quantity whatsoever to be exported out of this Province

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