

Lib. R. R. R. for two moneths after the date hereof. Witness our trusty & well beloved Henry Darnall and W<sup>m</sup> Digges Esq<sup>rs</sup> at our City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries this sixth day of March in the Tenth yeare of our Dominion Annoq Dmi One thousand six hundred Eighty and ffour.

p. 212 Read a proclamation for the propagating Townes according to the act of Assembly for advancem<sup>t</sup> of Trade, and for punishing any malicious discourse and reports concerning the same &c<sup>a</sup> (viz:)

By the Dep<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>rs</sup>

Maryl<sup>d</sup> ss:

A Proclamation.

Whereas the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> of this Province by and with the Advice and consent of the upper and Lower houses of the Generall Assembly of this Province, desiring nothing more then to advance the generall good and welfare of the good people therein Inhabiting, and having in an especiall manner duely weighed and considered that the advancem<sup>t</sup> of Trade doth very much conduce thereunto, did Exact that all m<sup>r</sup>chandizes Imported into this Province, and all such m<sup>r</sup>chandizes as were of the growth p<sup>r</sup>duction or manufacture thereof and exported out of the same should be brought or conveyed to such ports and places as were in the said act appointed for Townes Ports or places of Trade & Commerce; without which daily experience tells us tradeing cannot be duely managed or with any advantage or certainty continued notwithstanding which wee are informed that severall persons not regarding the generall good which may accrue to the good people of this Province by the advancem<sup>t</sup> and propagation of Trade aforesaid, being led away either by ignorance or ill affection to the publick good & welfare thereof, have taken occasion to raise to themselves and broach severall seemeing difficulties, which they pretend may be grounded upon the designe of Townes, and endeavour to amuse & p<sup>r</sup>swade the vulgar that the Townes aforesaid will not goe forward to the greate p<sup>r</sup>judice of the good people of this Province, and others tradeing hither from other parts, and also to the manifest hinderance of Seateing the said Townes by the time limited by the said Act. Therefore the Dep<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>rs</sup> aforesaid together with the advice and consent of his L<sup>sps</sup> Councill, takeing the p<sup>r</sup>misses into their serious consideration, and finding the time wherein the said Towne sought (according to the designe of the said Act) to be compleated, doth now draw very neare at hand, and that all persons concerned ought readily to conform themselves thereunto, have thought fitt, and doe hereby publish and declare by the advice and consent aforesaid that the