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By the Deputies L<sup>ts</sup>

A Proclamation.

Whereas by an Act of Assembly of this Province Intituled [an Act for Advancem<sup>t</sup> of Trade] and one other Act Intituled [A Supplementary and Additionall Act to the Act for Advancem<sup>t</sup> of Trade] The time therein limited for building, and thereby confirming to the severall Inhabitants of this Province, and others therein concerned their right and title of in and unto their severall and respective lotts, within the severall & respective Townes and places of Trade, in the said Acts appointed, and limited by the last day of August 1685: is now past and expired, and consequently the severall Inhabitants and others therein concerned as aforesaid, have fforfeited and lost their claime right and title of in and to their severall and respective Lotts aforesaid, to their greate greivance and damage; And not onely soe, but the maine end and designe of advancing the trade of this Province (of soe greate moment and concerne to this Province) by the said Acts intended, may for want of such buildings as aforesaid seeme to die and be frustrated; All w<sup>ch</sup> hath been occasioned through the scarceity of provisions and other necessaryes, as also for want of Carpenters and workemen to pursue the said Acts, and Clauses therein; as we have been informed, and taken seriously into consideration. Wherefore for the Incouragem<sup>t</sup> of the Inhabitants of this Province, and others concerned, and that are willing to promote and propagate soe good & laudable a designe as by the said Acts is intended, and that the same may not be any waies retarded or hindered, but prosecuted and pursued with all diligence and vigour: Wee have thought fitt, And wee doe by and with the advice & consent of his L<sup>sp</sup>s Councill, hereby declare publish make knowne and proclaim, that what person or persons soe ever haveing taken up any Lott or Lotts within any the Townes or places of Trade appointed as aforesaid, and for the reasons aforesaid or otherwise have not complied with and pursued the said Acts by building thereon as aforesaid, And that the same is not yet since taken up by other persons, If such person or persons will yet before the last day of December next, build or cause to be built, erected, sett up, and finished upon every such his or their lott or lotts respectively, One good sufficient twenty foote square Store house, as by the said Acts is described and sett forth, Wee will (together with the Delegates and members of the Lower house of Assembly, at the next Generall Assembly to be holden for this Province become humble Suitors to his L<sup>sp</sup>: and use our utmost endeavours to have such and every such

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