

By his Excellency

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Whereas Upon the death of his Ex^{ty} Lionell Copley Esq^r their Ma^{ty} late Cap^t Generall and Governor in Chief in and over this their Province of Maryland the Chief Comānd & Governm^t of the said Province is (by their Ma^{ty} Royall Com̄mission, bearing Date the Tenth day of ffeb^{ry} in the ffifth year of their Reign vnder the great Seale of England) Com̄mitted to the charge & Conduct of me ffrancis Nicholson; the which said Com̄mission being Produced and Read to and by their Ma^{ty} Council of this Province this day in Councill siting; I have (by & with the advice of the said Council, vpon my Accession to the Command & Governm^t aforesaid) thought fit to proclame and declare, and doe hereby publish and make knowne that all and singular their Ma^{ty} Magistrates, Ministers and Officeis Civill & Military within this Province are and doe stand and Remaine continued & confirmed in their Respective places and Offices aforesaid Untill further Orders hereby streightly Chargeing and Commanding them and Every of them respectively to Execute and performe the Duty of their respective places & Offices aforesaid as formerly they have or ought to have done; willing also and comāding all and singular their Ma^{ty} loving Subjects of the said Province and all others whom it may concern to take due Notice hereof and yield all ready obedience therevnto as they will Answer the contrary at their perills; To which End I doe streightly Charge & Comānd all and singular the Sheriffes of the respective Counties of this Province to make publick Proclamacon hereof in the most publick and convenient places within their Respective Counties

Given at the City of S^t Maries the 27th day of July Anno Domini, 1694 in the ffifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord & Lady King William & Queen Mary God Save King William & Queen Mary

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His Excellency was pleased to propound to the Board that they would signifye to him in what condition and vnder what Circumstances the severall Affaires of this Province now lay vnder, Viz^t as to Ecclesiasticall Civill and Military Affaires; And that they would give an Account of the publick Revenue belonging to the Province; as likewise in what Circumstances the Countrey is in as to the Neighbouring Colonies adjoyning hereto.

Whitehall