

And that Summons likewise issue directed to the Sherriffe Lib. H. D.
of the said County to give Notice to the said Justices now
constituted & appointed that they & every of them be and
appear at the City of S^t Maries the first Tuesday in ffebruary
next in Order to put in Execution the said Commission; there
being a good Court house & convenient Accomodations for
all Suito^{rs} & others in that place.

St Maries County Justices Ordered to appear &c: to shew cause abt ffall of tht Court &c: Vpon Representation Ordered by advice that the
severall late Commissions^{rs} appointed for S^t Maries
County who Neglected to come in November Court
to be sworn in obedience to the new Commission
then Read and to Meet in January Court last
(whereby the ffall of the said Court has been occa-
sioned) be & severally appear before his Ex^{ncy} the
Governor & Councill at Ann Arrundell Town in Ann Arrun-
dell County the last day of ffeb^{ry} next to shew some good
cause for such their Neglect, And that they severally bring
with them substantiall Evidence who may testifye what Reason
they have to give or Excuse to make for the same And to the
End due Notice hereof may be given them, the Sheriffe of the
said County is hereby Enjoyed to serve this Order vpon each
of them respectively with all possible speed Whitehall

It being Represented that abundance of hoggs Cattle &
horses &c: do dayly dye in severall parts of this province in
great Numbers by meanes of the excessive severity & sharp-
ness of Weather which hath happened this Winter season Whitehall
insomuch that it is to be feared the same may prove very
obnoxious and prejudiciall to the healths of the inhabitants &
others living within this Province if some speedy care is not
taken to Burye them, it is therefore Ordered that proclamation
be prepared pursuant thereto which accordingly was done,
produced & Read & signed by his Ex^{ncy} And afterwards p. 115
passed the Broad Seale of the Province, the Teno^r whereof
follows in these Words. Viz^t

By his Excellency

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Proclamation

Maryland ss.

Proclama-
con about
burying of
Hoggs &c: Whereas through the Excessive sharpness of this
Winter season there hath happened a great Mortality
among swine, Cattle and horses &c: they dyeing
dayly in great Numbers by means of the extremity of Weather
& want of food, insomuch that it is to be feared the same