

Lib. H. D. hereby Required to yield all due & ready obedience, vnder the pain & penalties aforementioned; Given at the Port of Annapolis, vnder the Broad Seal of the Province this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Reign &c<sup>a</sup> Annoq Domini, 1695  
 fr. Nicholson

October the 18<sup>th</sup> 1695

The Council again Sate & were p<sup>r</sup>esent as before.

Mr Layfield Collect<sup>r</sup> of Pocomoke makes Oath to his Collection of the 1<sup>d</sup> p<sup>l</sup>b  
 Came George Layfield Esq<sup>r</sup> his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Collector of Pocomoke District who made Oath to his Collection of the 1<sup>d</sup> p<sup>l</sup>b within the s<sup>d</sup> District.  
 Whitehall

Whitehall Produced & Read a proclamation touching persons inticed out of the Province &c<sup>a</sup> being prepared at the request of the Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses &c<sup>a</sup> and was signed by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & passed the Broad Seal of the Province, the tenour whereof follows in these Words, Viz<sup>t</sup>

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall

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Maryland ss.

Proclamation

Proclamation touching persons inticed out of the province  
 Whereas by general complaint it hath been signified, as also evidently made appear vnto me how that severall persons inhabitants of this province have been induced to remove out of the same with their Wives & families, some to the Southward and some to the Northward; Viz<sup>t</sup> Carolina & Pensilvania, being meerly deceived & led into such fancy through a common empty rumour & report of the great plenty those two places live in, which Reports are raised by persons travelling from those parts, but the Effects of such fallacious Reports, it is well known, diverse persons have by sad experience Tryed, some returning again from the same in a poor condition, and others willing to return if they could, but are not able, having sold their Estates here, and by their removall spent or lost most of all their substance, whereby they have incapacitated themselves to make any Return; And forasmuch as it hath been made manifest how that severall other persons have been perswaded & terrifyed out of this Province through a vain & giddy headed notion & noise of great & heavy Taxes of a hogshhead or more a head, whereas the same appears to be a frivolous idle complaint, not but that the Leavies are something large through Arrears ever since the Revolution, but hope in God will be now satisfyed this year, so that the Leavies will become as easy & light as formerly; however the aforegoing Matters

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