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By his Excellency the Cap^t Gen^{ll}

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Maryland ss: Proclamation

Whereas diverse Complaints have at sundry times been made vnto me by severall Masters & Commanders of ships, how that their Officers & Seamen are frequently inticed & led away for Pensilvania & other adjacent Colonies as also Run themselves into many inconveniencies, through means of persons Entertaining & Receiving them into their houses at all time & times; whereby is occasion'd, not only very great neglect and much loss & damage to the Mast^{rs} & Owners of such ships, but also exceeding detrim^t to his Ma^{ty} Royall. Navy for want of such Seamen (so inticed & led away) returning for England, besides publick Reflections & scandall which may be brought vpon the Governm^t for the same, if not timely prevented; To remedy therefore for the future such an apparent & growing Evill, I have thought fit to publish, make known & Ord^r and I do hereby accordingly proclaim & Command that no person whatsoever Military or Civill within this province, having a Plantation or otherwise keeping house, do hereafter any ways Entertain, harbour or Receive into his, her or their house or houses any Officer or Officers, Seaman or Seamen belonging to any ship or other Vessell trading within this province, vnless such Officer or Officers, Seaman or Seamen shall produce a good & authentick pass from vnder my hand or the hand & Seal of the Master of such ship or Vessell to which they belong, wherein shall be expressed the persons reall name or names, and that then they be no longer detained kept or Entertain'd, than the business they are sent vpon shall Require, vnder penalty of the party or parties (found offending contrary to the true intent & meaning of this proclamation) being proceeded ag^t according to the vtmost severity of the Law; And I do hereby likewise Notify & make known that what Officer or Officers, Seaman or Seamen as afores^d are (after publication hereof) found travelling without passes as afores^d shall be lyable to be taken vp and seized as Runaways and pay to the party so taking them vp according to the directions of the Law for Runaway servants. And forasmuch as severall Ord^{rs} & Ordinances of Assembly have heretofore issued to the Vestry's of the respective parishes within this province touching the Collection & disposall of the fforty p poll, Viz^t, that where the same was left vncollected last year should be Collected this year, and that in Parishes where Churches are built & no Minister inducted, the same should be sold for Bills of Exchange or

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