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of India and Persia, and having afterwards left the s<sup>d</sup> Ship at the Island of Providence, had shared the Plunder so by them gotten and dispersed themselves Their Ex<sup>ncys</sup> have thereupon thought fit, by Proclamation in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> name, to require all his M<sup>ats</sup> Admiralls, Co<sup>m</sup>anders & other Offic<sup>rs</sup> at Sea, and all Govern<sup>rs</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>anders and other Officers whatsoever in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Plantac<sup>ō</sup>ns, to Secure and Apprehend the s<sup>d</sup> Henry Every als Bridgman, and other persons Nam'd in the s<sup>d</sup> Proclamac<sup>ō</sup>n, and such others as were with them in the s<sup>d</sup> Ship, a Copy of which Proclamation you will herewith receive, And whereas Information has been likewise given, that divers Pyrates and Sea Robbers have of late years gone from Severall parts of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> plantations in America to the Seas of India & Persia and other Remote parts upon the like Piraticall design's and that Some of them have Return'd home again and dispersed themselves in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Plantations, with great quantities of Gold and other Plunder. We do hereby in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> name strictly Require and Co<sup>m</sup>and you, forthwith upon Receipt hereof, to Cause the s<sup>d</sup> Proclamation to be published within yo<sup>r</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> and th<sup>t</sup> for the Suppressing as much as may be all such Evill Practices for the ffuture, whereby the Trade of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> good Subjects in fforeign Parts may be otherwise greatly disturbed, We do hereby in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> name Strictly charge and Require you and all his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Officers and Loving Subjects within yo<sup>r</sup> Governm<sup>t</sup> to take all possible Care, and use all due means for the Seizing and Apprehending all such Pyrates and Sea Robbers and such as may be reasonably Suspected for the Same, either by Reason of the Great Quantities of Gold & Silver of fforeign Coines they usually have with them, or by other probable Circumstances, And to Cause them to be Streightly imprisoned, and their Ships Goods and Plunder to be kept in Safe Custody untill upon Returning a full Acc<sup>t</sup> unto Us, of the s<sup>d</sup> Persons, their Ships, Goods and Plunder, with the Evidences relating to them, His Ma<sup>ty</sup> Pleasure shall be known and Signified concerning them, And so we bid you very heartily ffarewell, ffrom the Councill Chamber in Whitehall the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 1696.

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Yo<sup>r</sup> very Loving ffriends

Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Gov<sup>r</sup> in Chief  
of Maryland.

Tankerville	Romney
J Boscawen	H: Goodricke
P: Berti	Cha: Montague

Lords of the  
Council for  
Trade &c:  
L<sup>re</sup> of Quar-  
ries to his  
Ex<sup>cy</sup>

His Ma<sup>ty</sup> having been graciously pleased by his Comission under the Great Seal of England, to Authorize and Constitute Us his Comm<sup>rs</sup> for promoting the Trade of this Kingdom and for inspect-