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By his Ex^{ncy} the Cap^t Gen^{ll} a Proclamacōn.

A Proclamation
issued abt
Coll: Cood
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Whereas his Ma^{ts} Writ of Venire has issued to Sundry Counties of the Province ag^t M^r John Cood, commonly called Coll: John Cood for the causing him to be and appear before his Ma^{ts} Justices of the prov^{ll} Court to Answer to a certain p^rsentm^t by his Ma^{ts} Attorney Gen^{ll} preferred ag^t the s^d Cood for Blasphemy & found by the Grand Jury of this Province, but fforasmuch as all Measures hitherto taken for the bringing him to condign punishm^t have proved ineffectuall being harbour'd (as is supposed) by some Evill minded persons Enemies to this his Ma^{ts} Governm^t; I have therefore (by & with the Advice of his Ma^{ts} hon^{rble} Councill and of the Justices & Kings Lawyers therein had) thought fit to publish and declare, and I do hereby accordingly strictly Charge and forwarn all persons whatsoever, inhabiting or otherwise residing within the Same from Entertaining, Aiding harbouring or assisting him the s^d Cood in any respect whatsoever, und^r pain of being prosecuted according to the Utmost Severity of the Law but on the Contrary that they Vse their Utmost Endeavour to take him in Ord^r that he may be brought to Speedy Justice in answering such his Notorious Crime, hereby ascertaining a Reward of Twenty pounds Sterling to that p^rson which shall so apprehend & Cause him to be brought in; And to the End due notice hereof may be given I doe hereby Command the Severall Sherriffs of this Province to make proclamacōn hereof in all Churches Chappells & other publick places of Meeting within their respective Counties, as they will answer the Contrary at their perill; Given under the broad Scal of the Province this 17th day of December in the Eighth year of his Ma^{ts} Reign &ca Annoq Domini 1696.

Whitehall

God Save the King. ffr: Nicholson.

Ordr for all
p^rsons abt
Town to
appear at the
Cort House
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His Ex^{ncy} was pleased to Command that the Justices of the prov^{ll} Court should have notice to be all p^rsent upon the Bench & for to Ord^r the Sherriff to summons all p^rsons about Town that they be forth with and Appear at the Court house he being designed to Come down thither having something to declare in the face of the Country.

Whitehall

His Ex^{ncy} accordingly goes down attended with his Ma^{ts} hon^{rble} Councill and is pleased to declare in open Court (the Court House being full of people) how that he understood M^r Cood and M^r Clarke were infusing strange notions into the peoples heads how that this Countrey is Govern'd by an Arbitrary Sort of Power and that Justice is not Equally & impartially administred and such like; therefore was pleased