

By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> a Proclamation.

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Proclama-  
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declaring  
Sr Tho:  
Laurence  
president  
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Whereas their Ma<sup>ts</sup> by their Royall Co<sup>m</sup>ission to the Governor of this Province have been pleased to signifye their Will & pleasure that in case of the death or absence of the Governo<sup>r</sup> and noe other Person upon the place Co<sup>m</sup>issionated to be Co<sup>m</sup>ander in Chiefe of this their said Province that then the Council of Maryland should take upon them the Administration of the Governm<sup>t</sup> & Executeing the said Co<sup>m</sup>ission and the severall Powers and Authorities therein contained And that the first Counsellor whoe should be at the time of the death or absence of the Governor or Co<sup>m</sup>and<sup>r</sup> in Chiefe residing within this their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Province and Dominion doe Preside in the said Council with such Powers & Preheminences as any former President hath Used & Enjoyed within the said Province or any other their Plantations in America Untill the Arrival of such Governor or Co<sup>m</sup>ander in Chiefe or their Ma<sup>ts</sup> pleasure should be further knowne therein And fforasmuch as their Ma<sup>ties</sup> have been pleased to Co<sup>m</sup>and my present service in their Colony of Virginia and noe other person Upon the place Co<sup>m</sup>issionated to be Commander in Chiefe of this their Province & Dominion pursueant therefore to their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Co<sup>m</sup>ission, I doe (by advice in Council) in their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Names by this Proclamation Notifye & make knowne the Administration of the Governm<sup>t</sup> & the Execution of the said Co<sup>m</sup>ission and the severall Powers and Authorities therein contained (for & dureing my absence, or their Ma<sup>ts</sup> pleasures further knowne) to be in the Council of this their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Province and Dominion & the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sr Thomas Laurence Baronet to Preside therein Untill my Returne or further Orders, of which all Persons are to take Notice & Give due Obedience as they will Answer the contrary at their Perills; Given under my hand & the Great Seale of the Province at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the seaventh day of May Anno Domini 1694 in the Sixth year of the Reign of Sovereign Lord & Lady King William & Queen Mary. p. 76

God Save King William & Queen Mary

A Proclamation declaring  
the Presidentship of the  
Council in the absence of  
the Governor or Co<sup>m</sup>and<sup>r</sup>  
appointed; Prepared by me

E. Andros

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