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By his Ex^{ncy} the Cap^t Gen^{ll} &^{ca}

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Proclamation

Maryland ss

Whereas I lately issued a Proclamation, under my hand & Seale, bearing date the 28th day of Iuly last past therein promising a reward of five pounds sterll for the seizing & apprehending a certain Indian Man, known & called by the name of Esq^r Tom, who by confession of the Indians and many other pregnant proofes is said to have been a Principall actor in the late horrid & barbarous assassination, comitted in Stafford County, on one William Wiggentons wife & three Children in his Maj^{ty}s Colony in Virginia, and who hath absconded & fledd from Iustices there. And forasmuch as I am since informed that notwithstanding such my Proclamation he hath been publickly seen & discoursed by some persons in Charles County, who omitted their duty in the præmises, I do hereby in his Maj^{ty}s name (by & with the advice & consent of his Maj^{ty}s Hono^{ble} Councill) will & require as also strictly charge & Comand all officers Civill & Military and all other his Maj^{ty}s loving Subjects within this Province to make diligent pursuit and inquiry after the said Indian; strictly prohibiting all persons whatsoever from any waies

p. 559 aiding sheltering or assisting him the said Esq^r Tom (under the severest penalties) but that on the contrary they seize apprehend & take into custody the s^d Indian Esq^r Tom, either alive or dead, if any resistance, and him putt under safe and secure Guard till he be convey'd & deliver'd to Cap^t George Mason his Maj^{ty}s Comand^r in Chiefe of Stafford County aforesaid of whom they are required to take receipt for the same Indian; Of w^{ch} all persons are to take due notice & give all diligent assistance, at their utmost perill. And for a reward thereof & expedition therein I do assure the party or partyes, who shall seize & take the said Esq^r Tom and deliver him as aforesaid Tenn pounds Sterll. Given at the Town & Port of Annapolis under the Broad Seale of the Province this 18th day of October in the 9th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third &^{ca} Anoq Domini 1697.

ffr: Nicholson

God save the King

Then Read a Letter writt by M^r Edw^d Boothby of Baltimore County unto his Ex^{ncy} sent & directed, bearing date the 19th of August last past, giving an account of some insolencies lately comitted by Indians in those parts, together wth an