

Lib. H. D. being the most proper place; for it will be in vain for them to come here to purchase for an Island Trade if they may not carry it there where they have it; but they will rather take up in Virginia where we understand there is no such prohibition or Injunction, and so this Province by his Ex^{ncys} Zeale for his Majesties service loose the Trade thereof to his Maj^{tes} as well as his Subjects damage.

Lastly we are inform'd that Newfound Land is reduced to his Maj^{tes} obedience, and thereby the occasion of that Proclamation, extinct, ffor w^{ch} reason we present it to yo^r Hono^{rs} desiring you to joine with us in presenting the same to his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r desiring that the s^d Proclamation may be disannulled & sett aside.

	John Salter fforeman.
Rob ^t Smith	} }
John Hammond	
Richard Hill	
Phillip Hoskins	
Will ^m Hatton	
	Thomas Staley ffrancis Ienkins John Pollard John Thompson

Ordered thereon (considering advice is lately rec^d by severall L^{rs} from New England how that th^t Province (God be thanked) has had a plentiful harvest this year and that Newfound Land has rece^d supplies of Provision from New Yorke and parts) that Proclamation issue according to the request in the s^d Representation set forth, But that it be exprest therein how that (for his Maj^{tes} service) his Ex^{ncy} is pleased still to continue that part w^{ch} gives Encouragement to persons that shall load & carry provisions to Newfoundland, provided they give Bond for performance thereof.

October the 23^d 1697.

A Proclamation being accordingly prepared, was produced Read and approved off, and was signed and Sealed by his Ex^{ncy} at the Board & passed the Broad Seale of the Province the Tenor whereof follows in these words Viz^t

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

Maryland ss.

Whereas by an Ord^r of my selfe & Council bearing date the 2nd day of Iuly last past, it was thought fitt for his Majesties service and the severall reasons therein assign'd strictly to Command that no Shippes or other Vessells trading within this his Maj^{tes} Province of Maryland for any Provisions of wheat, Corn, Beefe, Porke or other Provisions whatsoever,