

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

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Whereas upon the late joyfull & happy news signified unto me from the R^{tt} Hona^{ble} the Lords of the Council for Trade & fforeign Plantations, of a Peace concluded between his Sacred Majesty and the french King, it hath been maturely considered by his Maj^{tes} Hono^{ble} Council of this Province th^t the speedy calling of an Assembly will be highly necessary and expedient; ffirst for the better solemnizing a day of Public Thanksgiving to be appointed & sett a part for such an inestimable blessing under the Divine Providence procured by his Maj^{tes} most puissant Armes and unparralleled conduct & valour; Secondly for settling the matter about the Indians & the new additional Rangers w^{ch} 'tis hoped may not be necessary now longer to be continued; and for severall other weighty affairs importing his Maj^{tes} and the Countreys Service; Expecting likewise some further Commands from his Maj^{ty} and their said Lo^{pps} by other Shippes dayly expected, w^{ch} may be necessary to be laid before an Assembly, for w^{ch} reasons it hath been this day concluded in Council th^t an Assembly meet at the Town & Port of Annapolis the 23^d day of ffeby^{ry} next ensuing the date hereof To which end Writts of Election are Ordered to be issued as usual in such case But forasmuch as the Provincial Court of this Province stands adjourned to the last tuesday in ffeby^{ry} by w^{ch} means the said Assembly will consequently interfere therewith, w^{ch} is judged inconvenient that they be held both at one time; And forasmuch as I am inform'd the present business of that Court may without prejudice or damage be put off until some further time. I do by and wth the advice of his Maj^{tes} Hono^{ble} Council think fitt to to further adjourn the said Court until the sixth day of April next ensuing the date hereof; and the same is hereby adjourned accordingly. Comanding that ^{p. 622} all writts, precepts & process returneable to the s^d Court be continued & in full force untill the s^d sixth day of Aprill. The severall Sherriffs of the Province being hereby strictly charged & required forthwith to give notice and make Proclamation thereof in all Churches, Chappells & other publick places of meeting within their respective Counties, whereunto all persons concern'd are to yield all due and ready obedience at their utmost perill; Given at Battell Town in Calvert County under the Broad Seale of the Province this 11th day of Jan^{ry} 1697/8 in the ninth year of his Maj^{ty}s Reign.

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God save the King.