

Lib. H. D. ering you to call together four or more Comiss^s of your County with the Clerk to sit as a Court; and during their sitting (by virtue of your Office) to make or cause to be made publick Proclamation; thereby giving notice to all the ffreemen of yo^r said County (authorized by law) to appear at a certain day & place appointed for the Electing and choosing of four Delegates or Representatives to serve for yo^r County at a Gener^l Assembly to be held at our Town & Port of Annapolis the 23^d day of Februa^{ry} instant, as by recourse to our said Writt being had may more fully and at large appear. But forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God that the weather continues still so sharp and extreme hard as to keep fast lockt up most of the Rivers Bayes & Creeks within this our said Province (Scarce ever known the like) insomuch that it is imagined severall of our said writts issued and sent to our Sheriffs residing on the Eastern shore, are not yet come to hand, and therefore cannot with any probability expect a full meeting nor sufficient number of Members to make a full Assembly (by the day and time prefixed) to do and to consent to those things which by the favour of God might happen to be Enacted & Ordained by the advice and consent of the Great Council of our said Province. We do for the reasons aforesaid intend (God willing) to deferr, putt off & prorogue the the meeting of the said Assembly to the eighth day of March next; Comanding you forthwith to give speedy notice thereof, as well to the Members of our Privy Council as House of Delegates residing within yo^r Balywick, who are in no wise to faile then to meet, at our Town and Port of Annapolis afores^d according to Adjournment. And you are likewise Comanded afterward^s to make due Proclamation of this our writ in the usual places wth in your said County as also give publick notice that our Court of Chancery, Comissaryes Court & Govern^r & Council for hearing of Appeals & Writts of Error will not sit untill the meeting of our said Assembly. Wittness our trusty & Wellbeloved ffr^s Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l & Govern^r in Chief in & over our s^d Province & Territory of Maryland, and given under the Broad Seale thereof at our Town & Port of Annapolis aforesaid this 15th day of ffeb^{ry} 1697/8. And in the tenth year of our Reign.

ffr. Nicholson

Ordered that publick inquiry be made by the Sherriffs within their respective Counties whether there were ever any horses prest for the publick use and service of this his Majesties Province, either by his Ex^{ncy} or lawfull Authority for which Satisfaction has not been duly made, or for his Ex^{ncys} own use without his actual paying for the same a due return