

Lib. X. be Objected against him on his Majestys Behalf and in the mean time to be of good Behaviour

p. 97 Ordered that the ministers Sheriffs & Constables of S^t Marys & Charles Countys make diligent enquiry how many People have within this twelve months been brought over to the Romish perswasion & by what means

Whereas this Board have perused an Affidavit of M^r William Taylard of S^t Marys County wherein he set forth that not long since M^r Iohn Cood Sen^r being at the house of M^r Gerard Sly in S^t Marys County he did hear him say that his Excellency the Governor had Caused M^r Henry Denton late Clerk of the Council decd to be put out of the way because he was a material Evidence against him

Ordered that D^r Robert Iones who attended the s^d M^r Denton during his Sickness be sent for to declare upon oath what he supposes was the cause of the said M^r Dentons death

Came the honble Coll^o Iohn Courts & took his place at the Board

Then read the following proclamations which was approved of & ordered to pass the Broad Seal

By his Excellency the Cap^t Gen^l

A Proclamation

Whereas I am Credibly informed that Divers ill Affected & disloyal persons to this his Majestys happy Gov^t & the peace & Tranquillity thereof but bigotted to the Interest of the late King Iames & endeavouring to Seduce & abuse others his Majestys good & Loving Subjects with the same disloyal & ill Principles do frequently in their meetings Societys and Entertainments sometimes in a Riotous & always in a disaffected & disloyal manner publish & promote the Interest and drink the health of the late King Iames by the name of King Iames's Health to the disquiet & discouragement of his Majestys good and Loyal Subjects & to the disturbance of the peace and quiet of this his Majestys happy Government

For prevention of which disloyal & evil practices for the future I do hereby with the Advice & consent of his Majestys honble Council within this Province Proclaim and command that no person whatsoever presume or attempt any such practices or health drink^s for the future under the severest displeasure & being prosecuted to the utmost severity of the Law & as ill Affected persons & Perturbers of the peace and quiet of this Gov^t & to the end that all such ill affected and wicked Persons may be discovered & proceeded against I Command & require all & every his Majestys good & Loving Subjects whenever they know of any such Practices or attempts