

Lib. W. B. Also the following Proclamation for Preventing any Illegal Trade being carried on between this his Mat^{ys} Province and any of the French settlem^{ts} in America being Prepared was read and approved of is as followeth Viz.

By his Excellency the Cap^t Gen^l and vice Adm^l &c.

A Proclamation

Whereas his most Sacred Mat^r Our Sovereign Lord the King has been informed th^t an Illegal Trade has been carried
 p. 37 on between Sev^r^l of the British Plantations in America and the French Settlements in these Parts to the Prejudice of the Trade of Great Britain and in Violation of the Laws thereof and the Treaties between the Kingdom of Great Britain and France Concluded the 6/16 day of Novb^r 1586 By the fifth and Sixth Articles of which Treaty the Subjects and Inhabitants &c of each Kingdom are Prohibited to Trade and fish in all Places Possessed by the other in America And if any Ship shall be found Trading contrary to the s^d Treaty upon due Proof shall be Confiscated, but in case the Subjects of either King shall be forced by stress of Weather Enimies or other Necessitys into the Ports of the other in America They shall be Treated wth Humanity & Kindness & May Pvide themselves wth Victuals and other things necessary for their Sustenance & Reparation of their Ships at reasonable rates. Provided they do not break Bulk nor carry any Goods out of their Ships exposing them to Sale nor receive any Merchandize on Board under the Penaltie of Confiscation of Ship and Goods.

And whereas by the fortieth Article of Instructions to the Captains of his Mat^{ys} Ships of Warr The s^d Captains are Expressly restrained from taking any Goods or Merchandize on Board their s^d Ships I have therefore wth the Advice of his Majesties honb^{le} Council in this Province thought fit to Issue this my Proclamation in his Mat^{ys} Name strictly charging and requiring all & every his Majesties good Subjects in this Province & especially the Commanders of any of his Mat^{ys} Ships & the sev^l Officers of his Mat^{ys} Customs th^t they use
 p. 38 their Uttmost Endeavours and take Care to Conforme themselves to the s^d fifth & sixth Articles of the Treaty afs^d & be obed^t to the s^d fortieth Article of Instructions before recited to the End the s^d Treaty may be Punctually observed & put in Execution And that no Illegal Trade be Carryed on between this his Mat^{ys} Province of Maryland & the French Settlements in America by any of his Mat^{ys} Ships of War attending this Province or any other British or Plantation Ships or Vessels As likewise th^t none of the French Subjects may be