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Copys of several Proclamations issued

By his Excellency the Cap^t Gen^l

A Proclamation

Forasmuch as I have received his most Sacred Majestys Commands to me by the honble James Vernon Esq^r one of his Majestys principal Secretarys of State commanding me to prohibit all Commerce with & not to suffer any ammunition supply of Arms or other necessary provisions to be transported hence to the Scotch who lately arrived at the Island of S^t Thomas in several Ships which they had Fitted out with intention as they declared to settle themselves in some part of America their design being altogether unknown to his Majesty I do therefore by this my Proclamation prohibit all persons whatsoever within this Gov^t from holding any Commerce with or giving any Relief or Aid to them whatsoever as they will answer the contrary at their Perills & I do hereby command & direct the several & respective Officers of his Majestys Customs within this Province that they do not clear or Suffer any Vessel to depart hence having on Board them any

P. 253 Store of Powder Ball Ammunition arms Provisions of Victuals or other necessarys whatsoever which may any wise be Suspected to be intended for the Supply of those persons & to the end that all persons may have due notice hereof & give due regard thereto I do hereby command the several & respective Sheriffs of the several Countys in this Province to publish this my Proclamation in all Churches Chappels Court houses & Other publick places of meeting within their several & respective Counties Given under my hand & the Great Seal of the Province this 18th day of April in the 11th year of his Majestys Reign &c^a Annoq Dni 1699

God save the King

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In as much as divine Providence hath lately Visited these parts in a very particular manner by caus^g a most terrible & dreadful Stroke of Lightning & thunder to fall upon the State house the General Assembly sitting therein which Fired the Roof thereof highly endangering the Records lodged therein & not only so but further visiting our Sins strook dead M^r James Crawford one of the Delegates of Calvert County & grievously wounded & hurt Divers others viz^t Lieu^t Coll^o Hans Harrison Lieu^t Coll^o George Ashman & M^r Thomas Hicks &c^a but forasmuch as it pleased Almighty God of his infinite Mercy far beyond our deserts to withhold &