

restrain the Violence & Destruction thereof to the end there- Lib. X.
fore that Our most sincere & devout thanks & acknowledg-
ments of such his Gracious mercy may be duly rendred

I do by & with the advice of his Majestys honble [Council] p. 254
Proclaim publish & Command all & singular his Majestys good
Subjects the Inhabitants of this Prov that they religiously set
apart and observe Thursday the 17th of August next ensuing
as a day of thanksgiving for such the Great mercy of Al-
mighty God in Vouchsafing so signal a Deliverance

And that the said day & duty thereof may be the more
Religiously & decently observed upon this Occasion I do in
his Majestys name strictly Charge & will the Several Minis-
ters of the Respective parishes in the several Counties within
this Province to perform Divine Service on that day and the
several Parishioners to attend the said Service and duty &
that they Abstain from all Bodily Labour on that day as they
will answer the contrary at their Peril & to the end that all
Persons may have due notice thereof I comm^d the several
Sheriffs to make publick this my Proclamation &c^a Given
under my hand & the Great Seal of this his Majestys Prov-
ince the 22^d day of July in the 11th year of his Majestys Reign
&c^a Annoq Dni 1699

N Blakiston

God save the King

By his Excellency the Cap^t Gen^l

A Proclamation

Whereas Captain Kidd Master of the Adventure
Gally of New York together with divers other wicked Proflig-
ate Persons consorting with him on Board the said Gally
have lately Committed sundry notorious Piracys & Sea Rob- p. 255
berys upon the Subjects of Divers Princes & States in peace
& Friendship with his most Sacred Majesty & are now
Suspected to be Hovering on the coast in order to Land
& disperse themselves abroad into the Plantations thereby
endeavouring to escape the Iustice of the Law for such
their evil Demeritts I do therefore by this my Proclamation
in his Maj^s name Strictly Require as well all Officers civil &
Military within this Province as all other his Majestys good
subjects that they use their utmost endeavours to seize &
apprehend the said Captain Kidd or any of his wicked
Accomplices when & wherever they shall be known & Dis-
covered to Land or come into any part of this Prov^s & them
to secure until such time as I can have Notice thereof to give
my further Direction therein & to the end those wicked &
detestable persons may not have any Shelter or Covert here