

in that Agreement, nor would the Proprietaries of Pensilvania Lib. M. have been put under the Necessity of applying to obtain (if they can) the Aid and Assistance of the high Court of Chancery to strengthen and enforce the Execution of that Agreement, if that Agreement had still subsisted and continued good and effectual in Law; Notwithstanding all which plain and well known Truths several weak minded Persons have been so far infatuated as in a tumultuous and riotous Manner to meet & assemble together in Baltimore County aforesaid with some bold and insolent Disturbers of the Peace of this Province in Order to oppose and resist the Officers of Justice in the Execution of their Duty, and to screen the aforesaid illegal Confederates and their Abettors from the Justice and Laws of this Province; As such daring and dangerous Attempts and Practices affect in a very particular manner the Peace and Happiness of all his Majestys Subjects in this Province and may if not timely discouraged and prevented be attended with the most fatal Consequences; We have thought fit by this Our Proclamation as well to assure every Inhabitant of this Province, who behaves himself in a peaceable manner subject to the Laws of this Province of the utmost Protection and Countenance of this Government, as to endeavour the apprehending and bringing to condign Punishment any of the Actors in or Promoters of the illegal Combinations and tumultuous meetings aforesaid; And for those Purposes We hereby strictly require all Iudges Justices Magistrates and other Officers within this Province to be vigilant and active in their several Stations for maintaining Peace and Good Order within their respective Counties strictly charging and commanding the high Sheriffs of the several Counties within this Province especially the high Sheriffs of the Counties of Baltimore and Cecil to hold themselves in Readiness with the People of their respective Counties to suppress all illegal Comotions and Disturbances and disperse all tumultuous and riotous Assemblies and Meetings either by apprehending and securing all such Persons as have been the Incendiaries Abettors Authors or Parties in any of the aforementioned Practices or tumultuous Meetings or shall hereafter be a Promoter or Promoters aiding or assisting in any other Disturbances for the future; And in General that the said Sheriffs exert the legal Powers wherewith they are invested for the Defence and Protection of the Inhabitants who are hereby required on the Call of the respective Sheriffs to give due Attendance and assist them in the lawful Discharge of their Duty in the Premises And for the more effectually securing the Peace of this Province by bringing to a just and legal Punishment such Persons who at present are known to have been either Promoters Aid-