Lib. M. have been guilty of cruel Violences particularly on a certain Mark Webb of Prince Georges County Blacksmith and are still outlying; And this Board being of Opinion that such Negroes could not have escaped an Apprehension or being brought to Justice so long, if the several Sheriffs and Magistrates of the respective Counties had upon Information of these Negroes Behaviour exerted their proper Authorities and acted as their several Duties and the Good of the Publick required for their speedy Apprehensions; Therefore for stopping as soon as may be the mischievous Consequences which may arise from the violent and unrestrained Practices of those Negroes; I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to issue this my Proclamation strictly ordering and enjoyning the Sheriff of Prince Georges County that immediately and without Delay but with the utmost Dispatch and Care he search for and endeavour to discover find out and apprehend and take those Negroes and Every of them so that they might be brought to Justice, and for that Purpose that he raise and take with him the Power and Assistance of his County if he think it expedient, and herein We require his strict and punctual Obedience Given at Annapolis this fifth Day of May in the twenty fourth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1738 J Ross Ct Conc.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the ninth Day of May in the twenty fourth Year of His Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1738

Present

The honourable | Col Richard Tilghman | Col Matthew Tilghman Ward | Edmund Jenings Esqr | Col Charles Hammond | Col Charles Hammond

The Committee of Aggrievances having applied to the Clerk of this Board for a Copy from the Council Book of his Lordships Proclamation for regulating Officers fees, and the Regulation thereof, and the Clerk having acquainted this Board with such the Desire of the said Committee; It is ordered that the Clerk make them out such Proclamation and Regulation and that he charge his Fees for the same

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday the tenth Day of May in the twenty fourth Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1738.