

Lib. C. B. May last, And the Payment of the said Sum of ninety five thousand Pounds Sterling agreed by the said Convention has not been made according to the Stipulation for that Purpose, by which means the Convention abovementioned has been manifestly violated and broke, and his Majestys Subjects remain without any Satisfaction or Reparation for the many great and grievous Losses sustained by them; His Majesty has thought himself obliged to take such Measures on his part as are necessary for the Support of the Honour and Dignity of his Crown, the Security of the just Rights of his Subjects, and the Good and Safety of his Dominions, and has therefore ordered the Ships and Effects of the King of Spain and his Subjects to be seized and taken wherever they shall be met with

And that his Majesty has commanded me to cause the same to be made known in all Places under my Government, to the End that his Majestys Subjects in these Parts may be upon their Guard to prevent any Mischief they might otherwise suffer from the Spaniards in Revenge for the Measures which his Majesty is obliged to take to do himself and his Subjects Justice, and that they may in their several Stations annoy the Subjects of Spain in the best manner they are able, and to be very rigorous and severe in preventing any Ammunition or Stores of any kind from being carried to the Spaniards and to use all proper Methods that may be most effectual for this
 p 51 Purpose; And His Grace has likewise sent His Majestys Warrant under his Sign Manual authorizing & empowering me to grant Commissions of Marque and Reprisal for arming out private Ships of War for the apprehending seizing and taking the Ships Vessels & Goods belonging to the King of Spain his Vassals and Subjects or any inhabiting within his Countries Territories and Dominions in the West Indies

Wherefore I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to issue this my Proclamation to the End that all Persons within this Province may have due Notice of his Majestys said Commands And I do hereby strictly charge and require the Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation publick in their said Cities in the usual manner as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 24th Day of August in the 25th year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1739

Ordered that the Colonels of the several Counties of this Province take Care to have all Persons not exempt by Law enlisted in the Militia of their said Counties, and that they direct the several Captains under their respective Commands to repair on any Alarm with their Men armed, to such Place