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By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and Com-  
mander in Chief in and over the Province of  
Maryland

## A Proclamation

Whereas a Wicked and Dangerous Conspiracy hath been discovered to have been lately entered into by several Negroes in Prince Georges County to kill and Murder the white people within the said County and other parts of this province several of which Conspirators are now Actually in prison and Informations given against many others not yet Apprehended In Order therefore to Avert so great and Eminent A Danger and as much as in me lies to secure his Majestys Subjects in their Lives and Propertys and to prevent their being Sacrificed to the rage and fury of merciless and Barbarous Slaves I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to Issue this my Proclamation Strictly Commanding and requiring all Officers as well Civil as Military within this province in their Several and respective Stations to be particularly careful in putting the several Laws in Execution to prevent the Tumultuous meeting of Slaves and all other Laws for the Safety of the People and to Apprehend all such Slaves as shall be found wandering who cannot give a good and Satisfactory Account of themselves and to Secure them that they may be Amesnable to Justice and dealt with according to

p. 62 Law, And to require all Persons to be aiding and assisting to the several Officers in the due and faithful Execution of their duty in the Premises, And also to Exhort all his Majestys Subjects to be upon their guard and to prepare in the best and most Expeditious manner they can for the defence of themselves and their Neighbours and for the better exacting an Obedience from the Civil Officers in the Execution of their Duty in the Premises I hereby earnestly recommend to the Magistrates of the several Counties a Careful and strict Observance and notice of such Civil Officers as may be negligent or remiss in their said Several Dutys In Order for their Punishment according to Law, And I do hereby Strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this province to make this my Proclamation publick in their said Counties in the usual manner as they will Answer the Contrary at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1739

the following Commission being produced by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Charles Hammond is ordered to be Entered