

19<sup>th</sup> of October 1739 in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of his Majestys Reign a Lib. C. B.  
Copy whereof is hereunto annexed as also a Letter from his  
Grace the Duke of Newcastle One of his Majesty's Principal  
Secretarys of State signifying that it is His Majestys Pleasure  
I should cause the said Declaration to be proclaimed in the  
Places under my Government I have therefore thought fit with  
the Advice of his Ldps Council of State to publish this my  
Proclamation, notifying the said Declaration to all his Majestys  
Subjects and strictly charging & requiring the several Sheriffs  
of the respective Counties of this Province at the most publick  
Places in their said Counties as soon as conveniently may be  
with all Solemnity possible to proclaim and publish the same  
And I do hereby further will and require the several Sheriffs  
of this Province to give Notice to the Magistrates of their  
respective Counties as soon as possible to meet and appoint  
a Day for publishing his Majesty's said Declaration and this  
my Proclamation and I do hereby command the several Sher-  
iffs and all Others his Lordships Officers both Civil & Military,  
as also the Militia in the respective Counties to attend in the p. 73  
handsomest Manner at the time so appointed for performing  
the same. Given at the City of Annapolis this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of  
April in the twenty fifth year of his Lordships Dominion  
Annoq Domini 1740

His Excellency is pleased also to lay before this Board the  
following Letter received by him from his Grace the Duke  
of Newcastle

Whitehall 5<sup>th</sup> January 1739/40

Sir

His Majesty having thought fit to declare War against Spain  
and being determind by all possible Means to distress and  
annoy the Spaniards in the most effectual manner, and par-  
ticularly by making an Attempt upon some of their most con-  
siderable Settlements in the West Indies the King has been  
pleased for that purpose to order a large Body of Troops  
under the Command of my Lord Cathcart, a Major General  
of his Majestys Forces to go from hence with a sufficient  
Convoy of Men of War, to a proper Place in the West Indies,  
to be appointed for that purpose, there to be joyned by the  
Squadron under the Command of Vice Admiral Vernon now  
in the West Indies, and by such a Number of Troops, as may  
be raised in his Majestys Colonies and Islands in America

As it has been represented to the King that a very consid-  
erable Number of Men may be easily had, upon proper  
Encouragem<sup>t</sup> in the British Plantations, and particularly in his  
Majestys Colonies on the Continent of America, to serve in