

Lib. C. B. By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor and Com-
 p. 76 mander in Chief in and over the Province of
 Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas His Majestys Pleasure has been signified to me by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle One of his Majestys Principal Secretarys of State, by his Graces Letter of the 5th of January last, That his Majesty having thought fit to declare War against Spain, and being determined by all possible means to distress and annoy the Spaniards in the most effectual manner, and particularly by making an Attempt upon some of their most considerable Settlements in the West Indies, has been pleased, for that purpose to order a large Body of Troops, under the Command of the Lord Cathcart, a Major General of his Majestys forces, to come from Great Britain with a sufficient Convoy of Men of War, to a proper Place in the West Indies, to be appointed for that Purpose, 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: And that it had been represented to his Majesty, that a very considerable Number of Men may be easily had, upon proper Encouragement, in the British Plantations, and particularly in his Majestys Colonies on the Continent of America, to serve in Conjunction with the Regular Troops to be sent from home; of all which his Majesty thought proper that Notice should be given, in order that the necessary Dispositions might be made for facilitating as soon as possible the raising the said Troops, to be commanded by Col Spotswood

And Whereas his Majesty has been most graciously pleased to declare his Royal Intentions to give all proper Encouragement to the New Levies, by ordering them to be supplied with Arms, and proper Cloathing and to be paid by his Majesty; with an Assurance of their coming in for their Share of any
 p. 77 Booty that may be taken from the Enemy, and of their being sent back to their respective Habitations, when the Service shall be over, unless any of them shall desire to settle themselves elsewhere: And that His Majesty will order to be sent by Col Blakeney, Adjutant General of all the Forces (who may be very soon expected) a Number of blank Commissions, to be given by the several Governors to the Officers who are to command the Troops under Col Spotswood, and that Transports and all Necessaries will be provided to carry the Troops to the Place of general Rendezvous

In Obedience therefore to his Majestys Royal Commands I