

Coasts or Settlements in the West Indies; And you may assure such as are able Pilots for the said Coasts, that their Service shall meet with all suitable Encouragement Lib. C. B.

10. And that Nothing may be wanting on Our Part towards the promoting and compleating of this important Design, We have thought fit to appoint Our trusty and Welbeloved Major General Alexander Spotswood to be Quarter Master General of all Our Forces in this Expedition & to take upon him the Command, Conduct, Discipline, Disposition & Embarcation of Our American Troops, so soon as they shall be raised; You are therefore from time to time to correspond, conferr and advise with the said Major General Alexander Spotswood in all Matters that may tend to the promoting these Levies, & the Completion of Our Design

11. We have also thought fit to dispatch Our trusty & welbeloved Colonel William Blakeney from hence, whom We have appointed to be Adjutant General of all Our Forces to be employed in the present Expedition with Samples of Cloaths, & also with Arms, Ammunition and Other Necessaries for the Use of Our American Troops, and whatever may be farther wanting shall be sent them, either before their Embarcation, or shall meet them at the General Place of Rendezvous in the West Indies; And as We repose especial Trust and Confidence in the said Colonel Blakeney, It is Our Pleasure, that you should admit him also into all your Consultations, relative to these Our Instructions, whenever He shall be within your Precincts

12. We depend upon your punctual Compliance with these Our Instructions; We recommend the several Matters therein contained to you Our Deputy Governor, to Our Council, to Our Assembly, & to all Our Good Subjects in Maryland, so far as may concern them respectively, and We do expect, that you should by the first, & by every other Occasion that may offer, send Us a full and clear Account of Your Proceedings herein by Letter, directed to One of Our Secretarys of State. p. 97

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It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to order a Proclamation to be drawn up notifying the same, which Proclamation being prepared, is read at this Board and approved of & ordered to issue as follows

Maryland ss.

By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of

Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas His Majesty by his Royal Instructions bearing