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By his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor & Com-
mander in Chief in & over the Province of
Maryland

A Proclamation

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Whereas their Excellencies the Lords Justices by their Order to me bearing date at Whitehall the 15th of August last have required that I should employ the most effectual means for putting this Province in the best Posture of Defence that shall be possible and that I should be constantly on my Guard against any surprize from any Quarter whatsoever And whereas their Excellencies by their further Order dated at Whitehall the third of September last past have signified their further Directions that I should put the forces belonging to this Province into such a Condition, as not only to be able to repel the French Forces, if they should attack it, but also to be in a Condition to attack them if it should become necessary: In Obedience to the said Orders I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to issue this my Proclamation strictly commanding all his Lordships military Officers within this Province carefully & diligently to train discipline and exercise the Militia thereof and to see that their Arms are constantly kept in good Order and fit for Service upon all Occasions and to proceed with the utmost Rigour of Law against all Persons who shall refuse or neglect to appear at the Places which shall be respectively appointed for training and exercising the Militia Given at the City of Annapolis this 2^d Day of March in the twenty ninth year of his Lordps Dominion Annoq Domini 1743

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday the Eleventh day of April in the twenty ninth year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1744

Present

His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor

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The hoñble	{	Benjamin Tasker Esq ^r	}	Philip Thomas Esq ^r
		Col George Plater		Daniel Dulany Esq ^r
		Col Charles Hammond		

Ordered that the Clerk of this Board write the following Letter to M^r John Galloway at Philadelphia

Sir

Col Gale upon his going to England having undertaken to buy several Goods intended as Presents for the Indians at the