

done accordingly, I send you inclosed a Printed Copy of the said Declaration, and am commanded to signify to you, His Majestys Pleasure, that you cause it to be proclaimed in the Province under Your Government, that his Majestys Subjects having this Notice, may take Care to prevent any Mischief which otherwise they might suffer from the Enemy; and do their Duty in their several Stations, to distress and annoy the Subjects of the French King, And his Majesty would have You be very rigorous and severe in preventing any Ammunition or Stores of any kind from being carried to them and you are to use all proper Methods that may be most effectual for that Purpose

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I send you inclosed his Majestys Proclamation, for the distribution of Prizes, taken by his Majestys Ships of War, or Privateers, which you will take Care may be published in the Province under Your Government. And you will do every thing in Your Power, to encourage his Majestys Subjects to fit out Ships, to Act as Privateers against the Enemy, And you will upon the Receipt of this Letter, take all Opportunities as far as depends upon you to distress and annoy the French, in their Settlements Trade and Commerce

I am Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant
Governor of Maryland. Holles Newcastle

His Majestys Declaration of War against the
French King

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George R

The Troubles which broke out in Germany, on Account of the Succession of the late Emperor Charles the Sixth, having been begun and Carried on by the Instigation Assistance and Support of the French King, with a view to overturn the Balance of Power in Europe, and to extend the dangerous Influence of that Crown, in direct Violation of the solemn Guaranty of the Pragmatic Sanction given by him in the Year One thousand seven hundred and thirty eight in Consideration of the Cession of Lorraine, And We having on our part executed Our Engagements for maintaining the Pragmatic Sanction with that good Faith which is inseperable from us; and having opposed the Attempts made against the Dominions of the Queen of Hungary; We are not Surprized that Our Conduct in this Respect should have drawn upon Us the Resentment of the French King who has found his Ambitious Views in a great Measure disappointed by the Assistance We have furnished to Our Ally unjustly attacked by him; or that he should alledge it as a Principal Reason for declaring War against Us.