

Crowns of Spain and France, whereby It is declared, that the Lib. C. B.
Ships of all Nations carrying Counterband goods to the Enemies Ports, shall be lyable to Confiscation; Under Colour of which It was apprehended there, that Vessels belonging to his Majesty's good Friends and Allies the States General, may come to be confiscated on pretext of Part of their Cargoes being Counterband Goods contrary to the Express Articles of the Marine Treaty, concluded between His Majesty's Crown and that Republick at London the first day of Decem^r 1674, confirmed by subsequent Treaties; or that by a larger Interpretation than was intended to be Given to the General Words in the said Declaration (Viz^t Other contraband Goods) the Captains of his Majestys Ships of War, and Others acting under his Majestys Commissions, may make Prize of Dutch Ships and their Cargoes as well in Europe as in America, upon Pretence of their having on board Spanish or French Effects altho' not Contraband; And It being His Majestys Royal Intention, that the said Treaty Marine, and all Engagements which subsist between his Majesty and his said good Friends and Allies should be most carefully and religiously observed; His Majesty has been pleased to authorize and empower me, to enjoyn all Captains of Ships to whom I shall grant Letters of Marque or Commissions for private Men of War against the King of Spain and the French King and their Subjects to observe Carefully and religiously the said Treaty Marine, & give Security pursuant to the tenth Article for their due performance thereof I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State by this my Proclamation to make known his Majestys Royal Pleasure to the End that all Persons who shall apply to me for Letters of Marque or Commissions for private Men of War may conform themselves thereto Given at the City of Annapolis this tenth day of September in the 30th Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1744 p. 228 (a)

Maryland ss.

By His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Govern^r & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of
Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas His Grace the Duke of Newcastle by his Letter to me dated at Whitehall the 26th of April last has signified his Majestys Royal Pleasure that I should give publick Notice in all Parts under my Iurisdiction to the Agents for the Captors of all such Prizes as have been taken from the p. 229 (a)