

may have due Notice thereof I do strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation Publick in their respective Counties in the usual manner and also to give Notice to the several Members of both Houses of Assembly as they will Answer the Contrary at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June in the thirty second year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1746

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7 June 1746

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following Proclamation Issue

Maryland ss.

By his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and  
Commander in Chief in and over the Province of  
Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas his Grace the Duke of Newcastle one of his Majestys principal Secretaries of State, has signified to me his Majestys Royal Intention to employ Forces for the immediate Reduction of Canada; and also his Pleasure that I should forthwith make the necessary Dispositions for raising Men within this Government to be employed in Concert with his Majestys Regular Forces on that important Service; which Men to be raised in this Province, with others in some of the Neighbouring Colonies, are to be formed into one Corps and Commanded by the Honourable William Gooch Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, I have therefore thought fit to issue this my Proclamation, inviting and giving Notice to such of his Majestys Subjects as shall be willing to enter and enlist themselves into this his Majestys Service, that they may repair to the City of Annapolis where M<sup>r</sup> John Ross will give due Attendance for this Purpose, And for the Encouragement of Persons inclining to engage in this Service, I am Authorized to assure them as well Officers as Soldiers that they shall immediately enter into his Majestys Pay; the Officers from the Time they shall engage in his Majestys Service and the Soldiers from the respective days on which they shall Inlist: And that they shall come in for a Share of any Booty to be taken from the Enemy, and sent Back to their respective Habitations when this Service shall be Over, unless any of them shall desire to settle else where

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