

Lib. C. B. Ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Advice of this Board that the following Proclamations issue to the several Counties of this Province

Maryland ss.

By his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of Maryl^d

A Proclamation

Whereas It has been signified to me by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle that his Majesty had thought fit to order a Number of Rebel Prisoners who petitioned his Majesty for Pardon on such Terms as the King should think proper to be transported to his Plantations, & that a Pardon had accordingly passed the Great Seal, upon Condition of their being transported to some of his Majestys Colonies or Plantations in America during their Natural Lives and their serving the Contractors or their Assignees during the time aforesaid; And also that It was his Majestys Pleasure, that I should use my Authority to inforce a Compliance with those Terms from any of them who should land in any Port or Place under this Government, several of whom have accordingly been transported and landed in this Province; And Whereas I have received Information that some Doubts have been raised and industriously endeavoured to be encouraged (which can have no other Tendency than to disturb the Publick Peace and prejudice the Property of the Purchasers of such Persons) concerning the Sale and Servitude of them agreeable to the Terms of the said Pardon I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to publish and make known the Terms and Conditions upon which his Majesty has been pleased to extend his Mercy to those Persons so transported into this Province as aforesaid and I do require all Magistrates and Officers of Justice within this Province to be aiding and assisting in obliging the Persons so transported hither as aforesaid to comply with the Terms of their Pardon so far as may be necessary for the respective Times of Service for which They have been or shall be sold; And to the Intent that all Persons concerned may have due Notice thereof I do strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs within this Province to make this my Proclamation publick in their respective Counties in the usual manner as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 16th Day of September in the thirty third year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1747.