

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter Lib. C. B.  
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Whitehall 14<sup>th</sup> April 1750.

Sir

The King having given his Royal Assent the last Sessions of Parliament, to An Act, Entituled an Act to encourage the Importation "of Pig and Bar Iron from his Majestys Colonies in America and to prevent the Erection of any Mill or other Engine for Slitting or rolling of Iron, or any plateing Forge to work with a Tilt Hammer or any Furnace for making Steel in any of the said Colonies" which Act is to take place the 24<sup>th</sup> of June next, And his Majestys Governors in North America having particular Instructions, given them therein I have the Kings commands to transmit it to you to the end that you may have the same duly published & observed throughout your Government. I am

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Your Most Obedient humble Servant  
Governor of Maryland Bedford

Which being read It is the humble Advice of this Board that His Excellency be pleased to order Proclamations to issue publishing the said Act which being prepared, issued as follows.

Maryland ss.

By his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor & Commander in Chief in & Over the Province of  
Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas the Right honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations have transmitted to Me an Act of Parliament Passed in the Twenty third year of his Majestys Reign "Entituled An Act to encourage the Importation of Pig and Bar Iron from his Majestys Colonies in America, and "to prevent the Erection of any Mill or other Engine for "Slitting or Rolling of Iron, or any Plateing Forge to Work "with a Tilt Hammer; or any Furnace for making Steel in "any of the said Colonies," wherein among other things It is enacted "that from and after the Twenty fourth day of June p. 427  
"One thousand Seven hundred and fifty every Governor or "Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief of any of his "Majestys Colonies in America shall forthwith transmit to the "Commissioners for Trade and Plantations a Certificate under "his hand and Seal of Office, Containing a Particular Account "of Every Mill or Engine for Slitting and Rolling of Iron;