

20th What are the Establishments Civil and Military with- Lib. J. R.
in your Government & by what Authority do the Officers & U. S.
hold their Places?

It is desired that a Return may be made to these Queries every Six Months, that the Board may from time to time be apprized of any Alterations that may happen in the Circumstances of your Government.

His Excellency is Pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter

Gentlemen

On Board the Vessel by which you Receive this are the familys that I spoke of in my Letter of the Tenth Instant the Skipper has Orders to put them on Shore at Upper Malbrô whence I hope they will be taken and distributed as p. 83 soon as Possible Agreeable to my abovementioned Letter I would have you Caution them against Stragling from the Plantations where they may be Settled and let them know that Orders are given to the Troops on the Western Frontiers to destroy without hesitation any of them that may be Seen in that Part of the Province and that the Attempt of any one to make off will deprive the Rest of the Liberty they will otherwise be permitted to enjoy.

I am Gentlemen

Your Humble Servant

Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following Proclamation be Entered

By the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary

A Proclamation

Whereas Several of Our Tenants in this Our Province do under Colour of old Grants Obtained from our Noble Ancestors hold Several Acres of Land as Compraised within the Metes and Descriptions of such Grants more than the quantities therein Expressed and more than were by the original Patentees applied for or by our said Ancestors Intended to be Granted to such Persons Respectively without having heretofore Paid any Purchase Money Quit Rent or Other acknowledgement for such Surplus, which being to Our said Ancestors a manifest fraud, and a Glaring Injury to ourself might (were we disposed to proceed with Rigor) prompt us to a means of redress not only destructive of any Pretence of Claim to such Surplus lands as af^d but likewise Subversive of what Titles such Patentees or those who Claim under them may have to the true Quantities of Land Applied for and