

And whereas a Copy of the said Proclamation hath been transmitted to me by the Right honourable the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, who have also Signified to me his [Majesty's] Royal Will and Pleasure, that the same should be Published in the Several Parts of my Government, to the End that all His Majesty's Subjects there may pay due Obedience thereto: I have therefore, in Obedience to the said Royal Order, Signified to me as aforesaid, with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State, Caused the said Proclamation to be this Day Published at the City of Annapolis; and I do hereby Strictly Charge and Command the Several Sheriffs of this Province, to make this his Majesty's Proclamation Publick in their Respective Counties, in the usual Manner, that all His Majesty's Subjects within the same, may take notice thereof, and Conform themselves thereto Accordingly,

Given at the City of Annapolis, this Twelfth Day of January, in the Thirteenth year of His Lordships Dominion, Annoq Domini 1764.

Horatio Sharpe

John Ross C^lk. Con.

God Save the King.

Whitehall 11th October 1763

Sir

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having represented to His Majesty, that they find, upon a consideration of the present state of the Duties of Customs imposed on His Majesty's Subjects in America, that the Revenue arising therefrom is very small and inconsiderable, having in no degree increased with the Commerce of those Countries, and is not yet sufficient to defray a fourth part of the expence necessary for Collecting it, and that through neglect, connivence and fraud, not only the Revenue is impaired, but the Commerce of the Colonies is diverted from its natural course, and the Salutary provisions of many wise Laws are in great measure defeated; His Majesty has commanded us to require and enjoin you in the Strictest manner to make the Suppression of the clandestine and prohibited Trade with foreign nations and the improvement of the Revenue, the constant and immediate objects of your care, and by a vigorous discharge of the duty required of you by several Acts of Parliament and a due exertion of your legal Authority, to give the Officers of the Revenue all Possible protection and support, and that you do from time to time transmit such Observations as occur to you on the State of the illicit and contraband trade, and on the conduct of all Persons, whose duty it is to prevent the