

ance do prevent & Obstruct them in their hunting fishing and fowling & setting Traps in their grounds for takeing Raccoons & other Vermin notwithstanding that it is Stipulated by the Governm^t with the Indians Inhabiting within this Province that they shall Exercise & Enjoy that freedom and Previlge inviolable all which tends to the breach of the Publick Peace, & manifest Injury and Oppression of the Indians. Wherefore with the Advice of his Lordships hon^{ble} Council I have thought fit to Issue this my Proclamation Strictly Comanding, enjoyn-^{U. H. J.}
ing and requiring all and Singular the Inhabitants of this ^{p. 36}
Province that they forbear to molest or otherwise Obstruct any Indians whatsoever in Peace & Amity with this pvince in their hunting Fishing, and fowling or otherwise Setting Trapps within their grounds as the said Indians have formerly been used and accustomed to do On pain of being Prosecuted as disturbers of the Publick Peace According to the utmost Severity of the Law. And to the end that all psons may have due notice hereof and none plead Ignorance but Conforme themselves thereto I do comand & require the severall Sheriffs of the Respective Counties within this Province duly to publish the same by reading thereof at the several parish Churches in their Counties at the time of divinc Service and by Affixing fair Copies thereof at the Court Houses & Church Doors whereof they are not to fail at their Perills.

Given at the City of Annapolis &c.

God Save the King and the Lord Propry

The house Adjourns till To Morrow Morning

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Tuesday June 4th 1717

The House meet according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday. Save Col Young who went on the Conference

The following Message being prepared is sent to the Lower House Viz.

By the Uper house of Assembly June 4th 1717

Gent. On the Complaint of the Indians of Copanquo Town in Somersett County in relation to some hardships they lie under from the Inhabitants of that County And forasmuch as the Law formerly made to decide differences between the English & Indians within this Province only Impowered some particular psons in some Counties (most whereof are dead) to make descition of Controversies ariseing not Exceeding Twenty shillings We think it highly necessary that a Law be