

Speed Wittnesse our Trusty and well beloved. Nathaniell Blakiston Esq. Our Captaine Generall and Governour in Cheife in and over our Province and Teritory of Maryland this Seventh day of August in the Eleventh year of our Lord God one thousand Six hundred Ninety and Nine. Nathaniell Blakiston

Mr. Thomas Hollyday, Mr. Robert Tyler, Mr. John Hawkins, Mr. Robert Wade, Mr. Samuell Magruder and Mr. Thomas Sprigg haveing all of them taken the Oaths appoynted by act of Parliament and the Oath of a Justice of the Peace as allso Subscribed to the test Tooke their Seates as Justices of the Peace for Prince Georges County allso Mr. James Stoddard haveing taken the foresaid Oaths tooke his place by vertue of the Late Commission.

By his Exelency Generall A Proclamation.

Whereas his Majesty has Signified his Royall will and pleasure to me that I Should have a Perticular regard to and take Effectuall Care that the Severall and respective officers which in this Province Should not Exact or demand any Fees more then what are Settled and allowed according to Law to the End that his Majesties good Subjects Should not bee oppressed or any Extravigant Fees Extorted or Exacted from them, I doe therefore by and with the advice of his Majesties honorable Councill of this Province hereby Publish proclaime Command and Strictly require all and Singular the respective Persons bareing such office in this province Severally transcribe and Sett up an Exact Table of the respective Fees belonging to all and Singular their offices within their respective offices and that they doe not presume to Exact or demand any more or unreasonable Fees then what are Really and bona fide due to them according to Law on paine of Prosecution according to the uttmost Severity thereof, And whereas the Meeteing of the Generall assembly of this Province is to be upon the 28th day of June next I doe hereby Command the Severall and respective Sheriffs that they doe give notice to the Severall Navall officers Collectors receivers and Treasurers within this province to prapare and bring up their Severall accounts to the Said Assembly the Said 28th day of June next in Order to make Oath to the Same and to the End that all persons whatsoever may have due notice thereof I hereby Command the Said Sheriffs to publish this my Proclamation in all Churches Chapells Court houses and other Publick places of meeteing.

Given at the town and Poart of Annapolis this 17th day of March in the Eleventh year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord King William the third of England etc. Annoque Domini 1698/9. God Save the King

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By his Exelency the Capt. Generall a Proclamation.

Forasmuch as Devine Providence hath Lately Visitted these parts in a very Particular manner by Causeing a most Terrible and Dreadfull Stroak of Litening and thunder to Fall upon the State house the Assembly Sitting therein which Fired the roofe thereof highly Endangering the Records Lodged in the Said house and not onely Soe but further Visitting our Sinns Strooke Dead Mr. James Crandford one of the Delegates of Callvert County and Greivously wounded and hurt Divers Others (Viz.) Lt. Col. Hanson, Mr. Thomas Hiks, and Mr. George Ashman etc. but inasmuch as it pleased Allmighty God of his Infinite mercy farr beyond our Deserts to withhold and restreine the violence and Destruction thereof to the End therefore that our Sincere and Devout thanks and acknowledgement of Such his Gracious Mercy may be Duely rendred I doe by and with