

Maryland by His Excellency Captain Genl. a Proclamation

Whereas it hath been reported unto me that through the unpro-
=nableness of the late summer & the fall will be occasioned small
Quantities of Corn to be made within the severall Counties of this
Province. and for as much as it is alleged on our that generally
of People have already spent their Crops of what out of
more necessity drive the rest for want of Indian Corn become
scarcely throughout the whole Province by means of the Excess
sharpness of the late Winter season being launched out in due
abundance for the support of the Inhabitants Stocks of Cattle
Hogs, therefore to prevent the exportation of Indian Corn or
English grain during this liberty of scarcity. I have by
Write the advice of the Master Genl. Council, and also a special
instant Request of the Wor. the House of Burgesses in Assembly
now convened, thought fit for the reasons aforesaid to publish
Proclam^{tion}, And Give this by accordingly strictly Order Command
That no Person whatsoever, Inhabitant or otherwise within
this Province do (after the Publication hereof) presume to
Carry or load on board any Shipp, sloop, shallopp, boat, Cannon
or other bottom any Indian Corn, wheat or other English grain
with intent to export the same, and that no Master or owner
of any such Shipp, sloop, shallopp, Boat Cannon or other
bottom receive or take on Board the same, or any Indian Corn
wheat or English grain aforesaid with any intent other than to
transport the same from one Plantation to another for the supply
of the Inhabitants within this Province for their necessary
support in their Voyages under pain & peril of the party
therein found offending) being prosecuted according to the
utmost severity of the Law for Contempt. and to the end due
notice hereof may be given, Give further strictly Charge &
Command the severall Sheriffs of this Province to make Proclam^{tion}
hereof in the most public & convenient places within their
respective Counties, to wite all Persons are hereby required to
yield all due & ready obedience under the pain & penalties
aforesaid, Given at the Court of Annapolis, under the Great
Seal of this Province this 15th day of October in the 5th year
of the said Queens Majesty Anno Domini 1695.

God save the King. Wm. Nicholson
True Copy Examined by the Original & me
Genl. Denton Lt. Govr

Wm. Nicholson
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