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Proclamacion touching Indians

By the Lieutenant General

Whereas by a late proclamacion dated the 17th of this Instant month the English were authorised to kill any Indians in any the Parts about Passacont River that should be met with upon the Land or water on this side the neck between the Back River of Passacont and the main road towards Nicholas Heverys with certain exceptions thereunto mentioned now I do thereby upon some Reasons and Occasions since happening utterly Repeal and Reverse the said proclamacion and strictly prohibit upon paine of death that no English within the County of Saint Marys or any other part of the Province do kill or shoot any Indian whatsoever (other then such as he shall know to be Sasquahanones or Alcomines) unless first Assaulted or put in Bodily fear of his Life by the Indian and whereas by one other proclamacion dated the 13th September last the Nanticoke Indians were declared to be Enemies of the Province I Revoke likewise hereby the said declaration and do publish and declare that there is a treaty of peace betwixt me and them and a truce of 6 weeks agreed upon for the finishing the Treaty and hereby on that taken them into his Lordshippes protection for the time aforesaid but for the better securing of all the English Inhabitants of this Province from all harm that may happen to them through the Treachery and Falshood of any Indians I do forbid all the said English to entertain or harbour in their Houses any Indian whatsoever without special License or appointment from me and upon any Indians Refusal to depart upon necessary demand Given to expell them by violence but not to the killing them unless they shall Assault the Life of the English Given at Saint Marys this 26th Jan 1642