

Whereas I have lately received certain intelligence that
 the Government of the Commonwealth of England Scotland
 and Ireland by a Lord Protector and successive
 triennial parliaments was already there established
 and that Oliver Cromwell Captain General of all the
 the forces of that Commonwealth is declared Lord
 Protector of the said Commonwealth of England
 Scotland and Ireland and the Dominions thereto
 belonging for his life and whereas the Government
 established here under the Lord Proprietary of this
 Province according to his patent thereof is subordinate
 unto and dependent upon the aforesaid Government
 of the Commonwealth of England Scotland and Ire-
 land and chief under God as one of the Dominions there-
 unto belonging I have therefore with the advice of
 the Council for this Province thought it necessary to
 do hereby in the Lord Proprietarys name make pub-
 lication of the premises strictly charging and Com-
 manding all and every person or persons of what que-
 lity or condition so ever inhabiting residing or being
 within this Province to take Notice thereof and to
 Conform and submit themselves with all due Obedi-
 ence and subjection to the Government so established
 as aforesaid in chief under God and all Sheriffs and
 other publick Ministers and Officers whom it may
 concernare required to cause this proclamation to be
 forthwith published in their respective Counties and
 other usual places for that purpose within this Province
 to the end that none may have cause to pretend igno-
 rance in this behalf Given at Saint Marys the sixth
 day of May Anno Domini 1654

William Stone