

You or any four or more of you to be appointed as aforesaid his cause to Com-  
b. for you such and so many of y<sup>e</sup> Hon. st and Lawfull men of this Baywick  
by whom y<sup>e</sup> truth in y<sup>e</sup> premises may y<sup>e</sup> better be <sup>Inquired</sup> inquired unto. In Testimony  
whereof We have caused the great Seal of Our said Province of Maryland  
to this present to be Affixed the Eighth Day of March in the fourth year  
Of Our Dominion over Our Province Annoq. Dni 1678.

The like Comiss. verbatim mutatis mutandis to every County.  
By y<sup>e</sup> Lord Prop. by  
A Proclamation

Whereas We are Given to understand that y<sup>e</sup> trade of Our Province is  
greatly decayed, & that One great reason thereof is that Debts cannot readily  
be recovered as matters in y<sup>e</sup> usuall Dominion of Justice now stand which in y<sup>e</sup>  
beginning of y<sup>e</sup> inhabiting of the Province was sufficiently effectuall by the Cohabitation  
or at least Neighbourhood of the Justices of Our Prov. Courts who then were not  
wait hindered by weather or other Casualties from giving their Constaut attend-  
ance at y<sup>e</sup> usuall Courts, which are frequent enough if weather and Distauce  
of place did not hinder their meeting, and so inevitably cause frequent adjournments  
Wh. therefore for y<sup>e</sup> ease and ben. fit of all his Maj. Subjects & their residing in this  
Province under Our Immediate Governm. or trading thereto, and for y<sup>e</sup> more speedy  
recovery of Debts which is the life of trade, By the advice of Our Councell  
have thought fit her. by to Publish that We have by Commiss. and Our great  
Impow. red certain Comiss. in each County of this Our Province to hold County  
Courts for tryall of all Actions of Debt arising within their County & brought there  
against y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of that County by whomsoever or whosoever Contracted whether  
by Bond Bill or Account and to any value for. saving to every man Not-  
withstanding his liberty to prosecute in Our Prov. as formerly or in the said  
County Courts at his pleasure, Wh. of We command the severall Respective  
Sherrifs of the Countys to make publick Proclamation at the usuall places in  
their respective Countys, and then to draw y<sup>e</sup> Proclamation fixed in y<sup>e</sup> place  
where their County Court is usuall held, Wh. of they are not to fail. Given  
at Our City of S. Maria and Our great Seal. Of Our Province of  
Maryland the Eighth Day of March in y<sup>e</sup> fourth year. Of Our Dominion  
Annoq. Dni 1678.

Was then taken into Consideration y<sup>e</sup> Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Assembly on the Sixth Day  
of May last next according to y<sup>e</sup> last prorogation & proposed by his L<sup>ty</sup>:  
whether it might not be convenient to prorogue y<sup>e</sup> same to some longer time  
judging no occasion for their convocation so soon. whereupon it was concluded  
and ordered that y<sup>e</sup> same be further prorogued until the thirtieth Day of  
September next And that writts of prorogation accordingly issue forth  
next proposed by his L<sup>ty</sup>: what Sherrifs to continue in their Office for  
y<sup>e</sup> ensuing year and who to be elected in y<sup>e</sup> room of those that should be re-  
-moved, for Talbot County Ordered that Capt. Bourne be succeed Capt. Samall  
in Office of Sherrif, for S. Maria County the Councell will Consider this of  
the last Day of y<sup>e</sup> Court, for Charles County M<sup>r</sup>. W<sup>m</sup>. Hauber  
if he can gett recommendations from y<sup>e</sup> Comiss. of y<sup>e</sup> County then he to continue  
therein, for Anne Arundell M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Graueklyn Sherrif in y<sup>e</sup> room  
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