

The J. Lord Blackiston was suspended, and thereupon his Ex<sup>ty</sup> did in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Names declare the said Lord Blackiston & his susp<sup>nd</sup>ed from further sitting, voting or assisting in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Councils: &

Mr. J. Loyne being called in received his Commission for being Com<sup>ro</sup> of the said day past the said Seal: &

Then likewise past the Seal, the Proclamation of yesterday ordered to be drawn up, being signed by his Ex<sup>ty</sup> & was as followeth

Her Majesty's Excellency.  
A Proclamation.

WHEREAS by a former Proclamation bearing Date the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September last past amongst other things therein contained it was made known and published that the Command & Charge of this their Majesty's Province was by the death of the late Governour Dudley and absence of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Francis Nicholson committed unto me, with full power & Authority, to execute & performe all & singular the Powers & directions contained in their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Commission to the said Governour Dudley, in which said Commission their Maj<sup>ties</sup> have been pleased to signifye their Will & pleasure that in case of the death or absence of such Governour and no other person Commissioned to be Governour in Chief of this their Province that then the Councill of Maryland should take upon them the Administration of the Governour and executing the said Commission and the severall Powers & Authorities therein contained, and that such Councill should be at the time of the death or absence of the said Governour from this Governour residing within this their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province and Dominion before any other, at that time residing there, doe & proceed in the said Councill with such Powers & pre-eminences as any

Virginia  
Proclamation signifying up constitution of the Governour in his Ex<sup>ty</sup> absence

Com<sup>ro</sup> —