

Most Masters and Commanders of Ships doe seem to plead ignorance
 to such Laws of this Province as doe any way or narrowly touch or
 Concern them I doe further Order that the said Respective Colonies
 their Populiers and the Navall Officers & their Populiers sh^{ld} doe fall wth
 gott & procure Copies of all such Acts of Assembly any wise
 relating to or concerning Masters of Ships or Trades as are now
 in force & the same keep in their Respective Offices for the
 perusal & Satisfaction of all such Masters & Trades by strictly enjoying
 the severall Statutes of this Province to make Proclamation hereof
 in the most publick & convenient places w^{ch} in their Respective
 Counties. Willing & Requiring all persons how in any way
 concerned to give due and ready Obedience therunto as they
 and every of them will answer the contrary at their perill
 Given at the Port of Annapolis under the Great Seal of the
 Province this 20th day of August in the 7th Year of His Ma^{ty}
 Roign, &c Annap^{olis} Town: 1695.

God Save the King: Fr. Nicholson

His Excellency being pleased to signify that (by his Commission) he findeth
 that he has power to erect ports; and upon advice Received that the Trade of
 this Province of Maryland is much impaired & damaged by
 severall Sloops, Shallops & Boats belonging to some private
 persons who keep running & trading up and down w^{ch} in the severall
 Rivers and Harbours thereof, taking in their loading over land
 at the head of the Bay & Porting in divers w^{ch} Sloops -
 Shallops, & Boats from the w^{ch} into this Province w^{ch} without making
 any Report or Entry. And forasmuch as it is likewise set
 forth that the Ma^{ty} Duty for importation of Liquors from
 those parts hath been much defrauded by concealing and
 tiding severall quantities of Liquors w^{ch} in Casks pretended to
 be filled wth Bisket & flour, and that they make it their daily
 practice to induce tradesmen, Seamen & other persons out of
 this Province, under specious pretences & fair promises; Order
 thereupon that Proclamation is now to prevent for the future
 all such illegall & irregular methods and ways.

August the 17th 1695.

Produced a Proclamation drawn up accordingly the w^{ch} being read
 was signed by his Excellency & passed the Broad Seal of the Province
 the tenor whereof followeth in these words Viz.

his Excellency Signification of
 his power in erecting ports
 & upon advice given him
 of the impairment of Trade
 of this Province by some
 persons who keep running
 up & down w^{ch} in the
 Rivers and Harbours thereof
 taking in their loading over
 land at the head of the Bay
 & Porting in divers w^{ch}
 Sloops - Shallops, & Boats
 from the w^{ch} into this
 Province w^{ch} without making
 any Report or Entry.