

I have thought of sundry other means which
 are which may any way be suspected to be intended for
 the supply of those persons & to the end that all persons
 may have due notice hereof & give due regard thereto I
 do hereby command the several & respective Sheriffs of
 the several Counties in this Province to publish this my
 Proclamation in all Churches Chappels Court houses &
 other publick places of meeting within their several &
 respective Counties Given under my hand & the Great Seal
 of the Province this 18th day of April in the 11th year of
 his Majestys Reign the 11th of May 1699
 God save the King W Blakiston

By his Excellency the Capt^l Gen^l

A Proclamation

It was much as divine Providence hath lately
 visited these parts in a very particular manner by cause
 a most terrible & dreadful Stroke of Lightning & Thunder
 to fall upon the Statehouse the General Assembly sitting
 therein which fired the Roof thereof highly endangering of Records
 lodged therein & not only so but further visiting our
 Sines strook dead Mr James Cranford one of the De
 legates of Calvert County & grievously wounded & hurt
 Divers others viz^t M^r Coll^l Hans Harrison Lieut^l
 Coll^l George Ashman & M^r Thomas Hicks &c^o but
 forasmuch as it pleased Almighty God of his infinite
 Mercy far beyond our desires to withhold & restrain the
 violence & Destruction thereof to the end therefore that
 our most sincere & devout thanks & acknowledgements
 of such his gracious mercy may be duly rendered