

Piracies & Sea Robberys upon the Subjects of
 Great Britain & States in peace & Friendship with
 his most Sacred Majesty & are now Suspected to be
 hovering on the Coast & out to Sea & disperse them
 selves abroad into the Plantations thereby endeavouring
 to escape the Justice of the Law for such their evil Demerits
 I do therefore by this my Proclamation in his Maj Name
 strictly Require as well all Officers civil & Military within
 this Province as all other his Majesty's good Subjects
 that they use their utmost endeavours to seize & apprehend
 the said Captain Kidd or any of his wicked
 Accomplices when & wherever they shall be known &
 Discovered to Land or come into any part of this Province
 & them to secure until such time as I can have Notice
 thereof to give my further Direction thereon & to the end
 those wicked & detestable persons may not have any
 Shelter or Cover here I do straightly prohibit all persons
 whatsoever within this Province from entertaining any
 of them in their houses or otherwise counselling aiding
 concealing or assisting them in any manner whatsoever
 as they will answer the contrary at their peril & expect
 to be prosecuted unto the utmost severity of the Law and
 that all Persons may have due notice hereof I Command
 the several Sheriffs to make publick this my Proclamation
 Given under my hand & the Great Seal of this his Maj
 Province the 15th day of January 1699
 N. Blakiston

God save the King

By his Exc^t the Capt^t Gen^l
 A. Proclamation