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William Blakiston Esq<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> of Maryland  
in and over the Province of Maryland the  
8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the 11<sup>th</sup> Year of our Sovereignty  
D<sup>r</sup> 1700 Wm Blakiston

By his Excellency the Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  
A Proclamation

Whereas the General Assembly of this Province  
by his Majestys W<sup>t</sup> with the Seal of the said  
Province dated at the City of Annapolis the 8 instant  
was & is dissolved I have thought fit to do by this my  
Proclamation give Notice to all & singular his Maj<sup>y</sup>  
Subjects Inhabitants within this Province &c by  
S<sup>r</sup> with the advice & consent of his Maj<sup>y</sup> W<sup>t</sup> (but  
at this time I have directed Commanded w<sup>t</sup> of Election  
to be issued for the summing & electing Burgesses or  
Delegates to serve in a General Assembly of this Province  
to be held at the County of Annapolis on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May next ensuing  
the date hereof & therefore to beseech that the said Elec-  
tion may be duly & fairly made & returned I have  
Directed the said W<sup>t</sup> of Election to be forthwith  
expressly sent to the several Counties of this Province  
to do hereby require all Freeholders inhabi-  
tants thereof that are capable of giving their vote  
for electing such Burgesses or delegates that they  
personally both appear at the times & places when  
& where they shall have notice the several Elections  
for these several Countries are held to elect & give their  
Votes for such Gentlemen as they shall think most fit