

At a Council held at the house of his Excellency the Governour
in the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the third Day of August in
the 23. Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1737

Present

His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq Governour

Sheweth

- Col Richard Tilghman
- Col Matt Tilghman Ward
- John Rowley Esq
- Benjamin Tasker Esq
- Philip Lee Esq
- Michael Howard Esq
- George Plater Esq
- Edmund Jennings Esq
- James Molyday Esq
- Col Charles Hammond

This Board, taking into Consideration the Great Drought that has happened this
Summer, which in all Probability may occasion a Scarcity of Grain, do order that a Proclamation be
prepared to prevent the Exportation thereof, which Proclamation being prepared accordingly and approved
of by this Board, did issue in the following Words

Maryland. By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq Governour and Command
in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation

When it is great Reason to apprehend that the drought which has not only exceeded but
continued much longer than has been known in many Years may occasion a very great Scarcity of
Indian Corn and all other sorts of Grain within this Province, and that the very great Demands for Grain
in foreign Parts may occasion the Exportation of greater Quantities than can be spared without exposing
his Majesty's Subjects here to want Bread I have thought fit with the Advice of his Indian Council of
State in Order to prevent so great an Evil by this my Proclamation to prohibit and forbid as I hereby do
prohibit and forbid any Person or Persons whatsoever to take receive or lade on board any Vessel or

Sum. Vessels whatsoever any Indian Corn Wheat or other Grain with Intent to export such Indian Corn.

Wheat or other Grain out of this Province, or to carry out or export by Land until the fiftenth Day of
this Instant August; And that in the meantime no Person or Persons on any Vessel whatsoever
out of this Province, nor shall be necessary for the crew of such Vessel for their Voyage
presume to export any Indian Corn Wheat or other Grain, and I do hereby with the Advice of strictly
charge and command all his Lordships Officers whom it may concern that they do not presume to
enter or clear outwards any Ship or other Vessel having on board any Indian Corn Wheat or other Grain
more than shall be necessary for the Susterance of the crew of such Ship or Vessel during the intended Voyage
of such Ship or Vessel or Grain that all persons disobeying this Proclamation shall be prosecuted with
the utmost Rigour of Law and to the End that none may pretend Ignorance of this my Proclamation

I do hereby strictly charge and command all the Sheriffs within this Province to publish the same
at the respective Court houses and in all other publick Places as they shall answer the contrary
at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this third Day of August in the twenty third Year
of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1737

Great Seal

Ordered that the Assembly which stands prorogued to the 20th day of Septemb^r
next be by Proclamation called to meet at Annapolis on the 11th Day of the Instant August

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