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Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland

## A Proclamation.

Whereas His Majesty's Pleasure has been signified to me by his Grace the Duke of Newcastle One of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, by his Graces Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> of January last, That his Majesty having thought fit to declare War against Spain, and being determined by all possible Means to distress and annoy the Spaniards in the most effectual manner, and particularly by making an Attempt upon some of their most considerable Settlements in the West Indies, has been pleased, for that purpose to order a large Body of Troops, under the Command of the Lord Cothcott, a Major General of his Majesty's forces, to come from Great Britain with a sufficient Convoy of Men of War, to a proper Place in the West Indies, to be appointed for that purpose, to be joyned by the Squadron under the Command of Vice Admiral Vernon now in the West Indies, and by such a Number of Troops, as may be raised in his Majesty's Colonies and Islands in America: And that it had been represented to his Majesty, that a very considerable Number of Men may be easily had, upon proper Encouragement, in the British Plantations, and particularly in his Majesty's Colonies on the Continent of America, to serve in conjunction with the regular Troops to be sent from home; of all which his Majesty thought proper that Notice should be given, in order that the necessary Dispositions might be made for facilitating as soon as possible the raising the said Troops, to be commanded by Col Spotswood

And Whereas his Majesty has been most graciously pleased to declare his Royal Intention to give all proper Encouragement to the New Levies, by ordering them to be supplied with Arms, and proper Cloathing, and to be paid by his Majesty; with an Assurance of their