

Good Subjects in Maryland, so far as may concern them respectively, and We do expect, that You should by the first, & by every other Occasion, that may offer, send Us a full and clear Account of Your Proceedings herein by Letter, directed to One of Our Secretaries of State.

J. R.

It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to order a Proclamation to be drawn up ratifying the same, which Proclamation being prepared, is read at this Board and approved of & ordered to issue as follows

Maryland

By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq. Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland.

A Proclamation

Whereas His Majesty by his Royal Instructions bearing Date at St. James's the second of April last, has been graciously pleased to signify his Royal Will and Pleasure to me, that His Majesty hath determined to raise a Body of Troops in his Majesty's Colonies on the Continent of North America, to joyn the Troops to be sent from Great Britain, at a particular Place of Rendezvous to be appointed for that purpose, and to act in conjunction with them under the Command of the Right honourable the Lord Cathcart, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces in America, in such Dispositions as shall be made for his Majesty's Service: And that altho' His Majesty has not thought fit to fix any particular Quota for this Province, because His Majesty would not limit the Zeal of his Loyal Subjects, yet considering the great Number of Inhabitants in this Province, and that they have of late Years been much increased, His Majesty is most graciously pleased to declare, that His Majesty doubts not in the least but they will exert themselves upon this Occasion, as far as the Circumstances of this Colony will allow, being assured they cannot render a more acceptable Service