

are chiefly directed against such persons as shall neglect their Duty, or disobey the lawful
 Commands of their respective Officers, and to the End that all persons concerned may have
 due Notice thereof, I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs within this
 Province to make this my Proclamation public in their respective Counties in the usual
 Manner, as they will answer the contrary at their peril. Given at the City of Annapolis
 the 15th Day of May in the Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini
 1757.

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As some Advice which have been received afford Reason to suspect that his
 Majesty's Enemies the French intend to make a Descent upon the Province this Summer
 or one of these Provinces I must recommend it to you in a particular Manner to have the
 Militia of your County regularly mustered, and exercised, and to compel such as are
 unprovided to furnish themselves with Arms, and Ammunition, according to the Directions
 of the Militia Laws of this Province. For as you should receive certain Advice of the
 Approach of a considerable Body of the Enemy towards this Province you are forthwith
 to assemble the Militia under your Command and march therewith to Fort Frederick
 unless you shall receive other Orders from Col. Stannis, who is appointed to command all the
 Troops that shall be employed in these Parts for the Protection of this and the neighbouring
 Colonies, should you receive a Letter or Orders from them you are to advise me thereof by Express
 and to render yourself without Delay to such Post as he shall order, and either act in
 Conjunction with the regular Troops that are under his Command, or as a separate Corps
 according to the Orders that he might think proper to give you. That you may not be
 retarded for want of Provisions on such an Occasion, I send you enclosed two Warrants
 which will empower the Justices of the Peace to furnish you with every thing that you can
 stand in Need of. I shall send Col. Stannis a Copy of these Instructions, and let him
 know how to direct a Letter to you if he should stand in Need of your Assistance.

I am Sir Your most humble Servant

to Colonel
 Commandant in Chief of the
 Militia of the County

At a Council held at the City of Annapolis on Wednesday the eighteenth Day of May
 in the seventh Year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini 1757.

Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor,
 The Honourable Benjamin Taffer Esq. Col. Chas. Harrington, & Col. Denj. Saffers,