

be sensible that whatever obstruct, in any Degree, the Regular Execution of the Laws or Weakens the Authority of the Magistrate, must lessen the only Security which My People can have for the undisturbed Enjoyment of their Rights and Liberties. From your Endeavours in this Common Cause, I promise Myself the most salutary Effect. On my part no Countenance or Support shall be wanting: for as I have ever made, and ever shall make, Our Excellent Constitution the Rule of my own Conduct, so shall I always consider it as equally my Duty to exert every Power with which that Constitution has intrusted Me, for preserving it safe from Violation of every kind; being fully convinced, that in so doing, I shall most effectually provide for the true Interest and Happiness of my People. —

Sir

Whitehall 13. May 1769 —

I send You herewith by the Earl of Hillsboroughs directions Copies of several Acts passed in the last Session of Parliament which relate to America. —

Deputy Governor of Maryland.

I am Sir, Your most Obedt. humble Servant  
John Pownall.

In consequence of the foregoing Letters, it is the Humble Advice and Opinion of this Board that the Printer should be directed to Print a sufficient Number of Copies of the abovementioned Acts, in Order that they may be transmitted to the several Counties, and there Published by Proclamation, which Proclamations were issued accordingly, together with Copies of the said Acts thereunto annexed vizt.

Maryland vizt. By His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland. —

### A Proclamation.

Whereas John Pownall Esq. Secretary to the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillsborough, One of His Majestys Principal Secretaries of State, has transmitted to me the following Acts of Parliament vizt. "An Act to allow for a further time the free Importation of Rice into this Kingdom, from His Majestys Colonies in North America" "An Act to continue an Act made in the Eighth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty intituled an Act to continue and amend an Act made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty intituled An Act for Importation of Salted Beef, Pork, Bacon and Butter, <sup>from Ireland for a limited Time and for allowing the Importation of Salted Beef, Pork, Bacon and Butter</sup> from the British Dominions in America for a limited time" "An Act to permit the Inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey to export directly from thence to Newfoundland, or the British Colonies in America Goods necessary for the Fishery under certain Restrictions; and to import from thence Non-enumerated Goods (except Rum) and to Land the same in the said Islands" "An Act for further encouraging the Growth and Culture of Raw Silk in his Majestys Colonies and Plantations in America" "An Act to permit the free Importation of certain Raw Hides and Skins from Ireland and the British Plantations in America for a limited time; and for taking off the Duties upon Seal Skins tanned or tawed in this Kingdom, and for granting another Duty in lieu thereof, for indemnifying all Persons with respect to advising or executing any of his Majestys Orders of Council prohibiting the Importations of Raw Hides Horns and Hoofs of Infected Cattle, and to Authorize the Prohibition of the Importation of such Hides Horns and Hoofs for the future". And Whereas I have judged it expedient to Notify the same, here I do therefore by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordships Council of State, direct and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to Publish, in the usual manner, this my Proclamations, together with the

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