

By his Excellency Thomas Sim Lee Esquire  
 Governor of Maryland.  
 A Proclamation

Whereas it appears by the representation of a number of respectable inhabitants of Baltimore town, accompanied by a report from several eminent Physicians of the said town that a malignant and highly contagious fever is at this time raging in the City of Philadelphia, and that through the constant intercourse between that city and Baltimore there is great reason to apprehend that this fatal disease will be introduced into the said town unless immediate measures are taken to prevent so great an evil - And Whereas by the Constitution of this State, the Governor for the time being is authorized to order and compel any vessel to ride quarantine, if such vessel, or the port from which she may have come, shall on strong grounds be suspected to be infected with the plague and whereas in the present case the exercise of this authority according to the letter thereof without taking similar precautions by land would not effect the purpose evidently contemplated by the said Article of the Constitution, of securing the good people of this State from such dreadful visitations, I have therefore thought proper

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