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Companions and Associates he would go to Madagascar
and Exercise Piracy.

And forasmuch as it is Manifest Sundry Idle
& Sons Servants and Debtors have very lately Deserted
their severall habitations and aboads, & that many
more now taken up and secured in her Majtys Goale in
the Town and port of Annapolis were preparing
and designed to steale a shallop in order to Convey
themselves to North Carolina or Elsewhere; where it
may be supposed the said Richard Clarke maketh his
Residence having for his better Support and Carry-
ing on his wicked designs lately Forged & Coyned
great quantities of mony like unto the Seville and
Mexico Spanish pieces of eight and the Dollers of
the Low Country's Currant here by her Majestys
Royall plocclamation. All which Illegal wicked
and Trayterous actions give great Warning to his
Excellency the Governour and this Generall assembly
to Endeavour what in them lyeth to prevent any such
Wicked Entorprizes of the said Richard Clarke, and to
provide for the security and Defence of the Country
against the said Richard Clarke and his accomplices.

Wherefore and in Reguard that all means
prove Ineffectual to Enforce the said Clarke to take
a fair Tryall. Be it Enacted by the Queens most
Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and
Consent of her Majestys Governour Councill and
assembly of this province and the Authority of the
Same that the said Richard Clarke be and is hereby
Convicted and attained of high Treason, and shall
suffer the pains of Death, and incurr all forfeitures
as a person attained of High Treason.

April 9th 1707. Read and assented to by the house of

(Delegates)