

Military and Civil in their former Station would further but the whole to be  
 had signified by his speech and action as usual of a man his Excellency likewise  
 Expressing himself to be glad to see a number of Gentlemen together that had been  
 Instrumental in the making so many good Laws in this Province but we had  
 told them he had no further Occasion of their presence therefore  
 declared he declared that in their Majestys name he did dissolve them and there  
 after they were dissolved for reasons of which is unexpected Resolution and  
 because of the uncertainty of the words of the said Commission and manifest  
 variance betwixt the said Commission and Proclamation as by the same  
 Running in the following words appears viz

By his Excellency A Proclamation  
 Maryland

Whereas by the Death of his Excellency Lionel Copley  
 Esq their Majestys late Captain General and Governor in and over this  
 their Province of Maryland and the absence of Captain Francis Nicholson  
 their Majestys Lieutenant Governor of the same the chief Command & Gov<sup>t</sup>  
 of the said Province is committed to the charge and Command of me Sir Edm<sup>d</sup>  
 Andros Kn<sup>t</sup> their Majestys Lieutenant and Governor General of their Colony  
 and Dominion of Virginia by their Majestys Royal Commission under  
 their Signett and Sign Manual bearing Date the third day of March 1692  
 in the fourth year of their Reign to me directed with Relation to their Majestys  
 Commission to the said Lionel Copley made letters patents bearing date the  
 27<sup>th</sup> day of June in the third year of their Reign and their Commission to the  
 said Francis Nicholson under their Signett and Sign Manual bearing date  
 the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February in the fourth year of their Reign produced and read to  
 and by their Majestys Council of this Province this day in Council sitting I  
 have by and with the advice of the said Council upon my Commission to the Com-  
 mand and Government aforesaid I thought fit to Proclaim and declare &  
 do hereby publish and make known that all singular their Majestys Ma-  
 gistrates Ministers and Officers Civil and Military within this Province are  
 and do stand and remain continued and confirmed in their respective Places  
 and Offices aforesaid until further Orders hereby strictly charging and Enjoining  
 them and every of them respectively to execute and perform the duty of their  
 respective Places and Offices aforesaid as formerly they have ought to have  
 done Willing also and Commanding all and singular the Sheriffs of the res-  
 pective Counties of the said Province and all others whom it may concern so  
 take due Notice hereof and Yield all loyalty and due Obedience thereunto as they  
 will Answer the contrary at their Perills So which end I do strictly Charge  
 & Command all and singular the Sheriffs of the respective Counties