

And to the End that all persons may have
due notice thereof and give due regard thereto
I do hereby Comend the severall & respective
Sheriffs of the severall Countys in this Province
to publish this my proclamation in all
Churches Chappells Court houses and other
publick places of meeting within their severall
and respective Countys - Given under my
hand and the Great Seale of the province
the 18th Day of Aprill in the 11th Year of
his Majesty King Charles the Second 1699

God save the King. H. Blakiston

By his Ex^{ty} the Cap. Gen^l
H. Proclamation. -

Inasmuch as Divine providence hath lately
visited these parts in a very particular manner
by causing a most terrible and dreadfull stroke
of lightning and Thunder to fall upon the
State house, (the Gen^l Assembly sitting therein)
which fired the Roofe thereof highly endangering
the Records lodged therein, and not only so, but
further visiting our S^{rs} Strokes dead Mr James
Cranford one of the Delegates of Calvert County
and grievously wounded and hurt divers others
viz. Lt Colonel Hans Hanson, Lt Colonel George
Sturman, Mr Thomas Helye, the But forasmuch as
I release