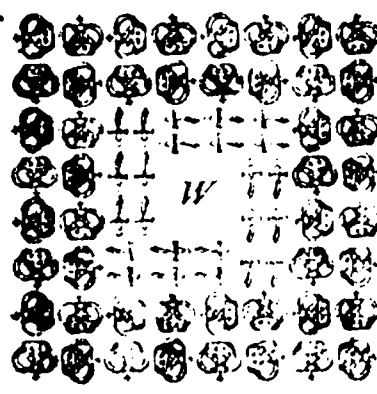


By his EXCELLENCY

SAMUEL OGLE, Esq;

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of *MARYLAND*.

A PROCLAMATION.

Maryland, *ff.*  *HEREAS His Majesty by his Order in Council, on the 18th Day of August last past, reciting, that "Whereas two Petitions from the Province of Maryland, had been presented to his Majesty " at that Board, the one from the Governor and Council, and the other from the Commissary " and Clergy of this Province, which represented, amongst other Things, that there is a Suit de- " pending in his Majesty's High Court of Chancery of Great Britain, between the Lord Balti- " more, Proprietary of Maryland, and the Family of the Penns, who are the present Proprietaries " of Pennsylvania, concerning the Validity of certain Articles of Agreement entered into between " them, for adjusting the Boundaries of their respective Provinces; and that pending the said Suit " great Disorders and Outrages had been Committed on the Borders of the Province of Maryland, " by the Inhabitants of the Province of Pennsylvania; who had set Fire to the House of Cresap, " when Himself, Wife and Children, and Six others, were in it, and burnt the same to the " Ground; and that whilst the said Persons endeavoured to escape the Flames, several Guns were fired at them, whereby one Man was killed, " and others wounded, and several were taken Prisoners and carried to the Goals in Pennsylvania: And that therefore the Petitioners most hum- " bly prayed, amongst other Things, his Majesty's most gracious Interposition and Commands, for the Preservation of the Peace on the Borders " of the said Province. And that, Whereas the Lords of the Committee of Council, to whom his Majesty referred the Consideration of the said " Petition, had made their Report thereupon to his Majesty at that Board, His Majesty that Day took the said Report into his Royal Consi- " deration, and was pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to Approve of what was therein Proposed; and his Majesty did thereby ac- " cordingly Order and Command, That the Governors of the respective Provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania for the Time being, do not, " upon pain of incurring his Majesty's highest Displeasure, permit or suffer any Tumult, Riots, or other outrageous Disorders, to be Committed " on the Borders of their respective Provinces; but that they do immediately put a Stop thereto, and use their utmost Endeavors to preserve " Peace and good Order amongst all his Majesty's Subjects under their Government, inhabiting the said Borders: And as a Means to preserve " Peace and Tranquility on the said Borders, his Majesty did thereby Enjoin the said Governors, That they do not make Grants of any Part of " the Lands in Contest between the Proprietaries respectively, nor of any Part of the Three Lower Counties, commonly called New-Castle, Kent " and Sussex, nor permit any Person to Settle there, or even to attempt to make a Settlement thereon, till his Majesty's Pleasure should be " further signified. And his Majesty was further pleased to Direct, that, at Order, together with Duplicates thereof, should be delivered to the " Proprietaries of the said Provinces, who were thereby required to transmit the same forthwith to the Governors of the said respective Provinces " accordingly." Which Royal Order and Command being but just received by me:*

I HAVE, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, thought fit, immediately to publish and proclaim the same as aforesaid, in Order that every of his Majesty's Subjects within this Province may have due and speedy Notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly. And for the more perfect Obedience to this his Majesty's Will and Pleasure, all Magistrates, Sheriffs, Surveyors, Officers, and other Persons Inhabitants of this Province, are hereby strictly Enjoin'd and Commanded, not only to prevent, discourage and discountenance, as much as they can, any Tumults, Riots, or other outrageous Disorders on the Borders aforesaid, or any future Settlements in the Places aforesaid; but also from time to time to give immediate Notice to this Government of any such Tumult, Riot, or other outrageous Disorder, or any future Settlement, or Attempt to make such future Settlement in any of the Parts or Places aforesaid, in Order that proper Measures may be taken for the putting a stop to, suppressing or punishing the same, and exacting the most perfect and full Obedience to his Majesty's said Royal Order. And that none may pretend Ignorance of his Majesty's Commands in the Premises, all and every the Sheriffs of this Province, are hereby strictly enjoined and commanded to publish this Proclamation forthwith in their respective Counties, not only by reading the same, but also by immediately affixing Copies thereof at the most public Places in their respective Counties: And also, that at all and every the several County Courts to be Held from and after the Publication hereof, they and every of them shall read and publish this Proclamation, and so continue to read and publish the same, at all and every the succeeding Courts in their respective Counties, until they shall receive further Orders to the contrary.

GIVEN at the City of Annapolis, this Twenty first Day of November, in the Twenty third Year of his Lordship's Dominion. Annoque Domini, 1737.

J. ROSS, Cl. Con.

SAM. OGLE.