

Baye, and Robbers that had usurped a part of the  
Baye lying within the forty degree of Northern latitude  
as follows to wit

## Baltimore

acimus Absolute Lord and Proprietary of Maryland  
and Abalon Lord Baltimore of our Trusty and  
beloved Captaine James Meale, and to all our Officers in  
Maryland and all of them whom it may concerne

Whereas we understand that certain Eminent  
Robbers have invaded and usurped a part of our said  
Baye of Maryland lying upon the South side of the  
Baye within the degree of forty Northern latitude  
diverse foreigne furnish them with Vessels Armes  
visions and other goods to maintain their said  
usurpation knowe you that we exposing truste and  
fidens in the courage and Experience in martiall  
and good affection of you the said Captaine Meale do  
this present appointe and authorize you the said Cap-  
taine to levy muster and traine any men in our said  
Province of Maryland for the tyme being that shall  
willing to assist you in an Expedition against the said  
said Pyrates and Robbers; and to make warre again  
and to pursue any the said Eminent Pyrates and  
or any foreigne on their Ships or other vessels and  
or catching them as aforesaid as well by Sea as  
you even wite out the limits of our said Province and  
Gods Assistance to vanquish and take them And to  
out vse all or any howse and goods of the said Eminent  
Pyrates and Robbers or their Abettors which shall be  
the Shoare within the limits of our said Province  
and belonging to you or any all such goods on Shoare  
shall be seized by you as aforesaid And to doe all and  
thing which in such case unto the you and officer