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It Having pleased Almighty God to bless prosper and succeed the
Royal Arms of our most Gracious Sovereigns Lord and Lady King
William and Queen Mary &c with a most happy and glorious Victory
by Sea and Land lately obtained against the French King, as it
affords matter of Great Joy and consolation without doubt to the whole
Confederacy and all good Christians in General, so ought it more par-
ticularly and specially to affect us their Majestys naturall born Lige
Subjects who have so great a Share and Interest therein, not only
with an Outward and Superficial shew of Joy and Gladness, but also
with a true inward and serious sence of Gratitude for those great Bless-
ings it hath pleased Almighty God the Author and Projector thereof
thereby to bestow on us so far as to invite and stir us up to render unto
him the just Tribute of our most humble and hearty praise and thanks
for the same wherefore and to that end and purpose I have thought
fit to nominate and appoint, and I do hereby in their Majestys
Names by and with the Advice and consent of their Majestys Councils
here nominate and appoint - Thursday next the 13th Instant to be a day
set apart kept and solemnized at the City of S^t Marys, Thursday
following the 20th Instant within and through the County of S^t Marys
and Thursday next after following the 27th Instant generally in and
throughout the rest of the Province, which respective days in the respective
Counties and places aforesaid all and singular the Majistrates & Officers
civill and Military and all others their Majestys Subjects therein In-
habiting, residing or being, are straightly enjoyned charged and comman-
ded to solemnize, set apart and keep as days of publick rejoicing and
thanksgiving to Almighty God for so great a blessing, not only by rendering
unto him all due Honours glory and praise in their most solemn and
serious devotions and religious Exercise, but also by using such other
outward and publick decent demonstrations and expressions of Joy
and Gratitude as upon such great and solemn occasions hath been
usual and practical in all Parts of the Christian World. and I do
hereby in their Majestys Names straightly prohibit and forbid, all Masters
of families Mistresses Dames or Coersers or others whatsoever within this
Province to work or use any servile or Bodily Labour themselves, or
suffer or permit their Children, Servants, Slaves or others under their
charge and tuition so to do on the respective days aforesaid to be kept
and solemnized within their respective Counties and places aforesaid
as they will answer the Contrary at their peril, and on pain of being severely