

Under his Excellency the Governor to issue his Proclamation to pursue the same until the Twentieth day of October next

And accordingly such Proclamation being prepared was read & approved of & ordered to pass the Board of this Province

Ordered that a Proclamation for securing run away & runaway men be prepared & those Masters who have signed the Oaths to his Excellency to be therein notified that Copies of the said Proclamation be sent to the several Naval Officers and read on Board the several Ships & the Masters to take Copies thereof

Produced and read an Oath wherein Major Tho: Smithson the Speaker of the house of Delegates states indebted to the said Baltimore on 4420^l Tobacco & 17 3 1^s in money which is reasonably supposed to be a great & great Obligation upon the said Major Smithson to his ^{Friendship}

His Excellency is pleased to say to the Board that whereas he has twice with the advice of his Majesty's honorable Council here wrote to his Excellency Sir Edmund Andros his Majesty's Lieut^g & Governor General of the Colony of Virginia who never yet returned any Answer thereto it plainly appearing to him that the said Oath is much countenanced in that Government

And that however great Occasion to have an hundred men kept out on Wicocomico & Potomack Shoals in this Province & two Sloops with an Officer & twenty men in each of them to lie in that River to prevent any ill Attempt by ^{Land} or otherwise

Proposed that a Letter be writ to his Excellency