

which is to be held God willing the 2. Sunday in Nov
 next against which time it will be the Interest of
 such persons to employ some other attorney to manage
 their Concerns depending in the said Court

And I do further on his Majesty's name strictly
 Charge & Command the several Sheriffs of this Province
 that they publish this my Proclamation in all Churches
 Chappels Court houses & other publick places of meeting
 within their several Counties & also the 2. Aldermen from
 his Majesty's Justices of the Provincial Court & the Gen
 tlemen who serve as Grand Jurors in the said Provincial
 Court according to which all persons are to conform them
 selves thereto at their seats Given at the town & port of
 Annapolis under the great Seal of this province this
 14th day of September in the tenth year of the reign of our
 Sovereign Lord King William the third &c Anno Dom
 1698 God save the King Francis Nicholson

To his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l
 & Commander in chief of this his Majesty's Province
 of Maryland

Whereas there have of late been many scandalous
 & Defamatory Rumors & Stories stired up in this
 Province but more particularly in St. Marys County
 tending to the disquiet & trouble of this his Majesty's
 happy Government & with which false Reports its much
 doubted many of his Majesty's good & peaceable Subjects
 have been much abused & amused by false Notions &
 Affections which if not speedily removed may tend