

His Majesty's Warrant under his Sign Manual authorizing & empowering me to grant Commissions of Marque and Reprisal for arming out private Ships of War for the apprehending, seizing and taking the Ships, Vessels & Goods belonging to the King of Spain, his Vassals and Subjects or any inhabiting within his Countries, Territories and Dominions in the West Indies

Wherefore I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State to issue this my Proclamation to the End that all persons within this Province may have due Notice of his Majesty's said Commands And I do hereby strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation publick in their said Cities in the usual manner as they will answer the contrary at their peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 24th Day of August in the 25th Year of his Lordship's Dominion Anno Domini 1739

Spide Seal

Ordered that the Colonels of the several Counties of this Province take care to have all persons not exempt by Law enlisted in the Militia of their said Counties, and that they direct the several Captains under their respective Commands to repair on any Alarm with their Men armed, to such place or places as the Colonel shall order, and that the Captains give proper Notice to their Men for that purpose; And that the Clerk of this Board send to the several Colonels a copy of this Order

The following Proclamation being read was approved of & issued accordingly

Maryland's Governor & Commander in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq.

Proclamation

Forasmuch as the Safety of this as well as the neighbouring Parts of his Majesty's Dominion makes the putting and keeping the Militia in good Order at the time of this general Danger necessary I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State

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