

use all proper Ways and Means not only for preventing the escape of any Slave
 already Committed or who shall be hereafter committed and to Apprehend and
 Secure all those whom he shall have Cause to suspect of endeavouring to Rescue
 the said Prisoners or any of them and to that end and purpose to press such
 and so many persons as shall be necessary to attend and Assist him for
 the purposes aforesaid which persons are hereby required to Aid and Assist the
 said Sheriff in the premises as they well answer the contrary at their Perill
 And that the several and Respective Magistrates in the said County upon
 Application of the said Sheriff to them or any of them shall be Aiding and
 Assisting to him herein by Warning and summoning such and so many of
 the Inhabitants as may be proper and necessary for the purposes aforesaid
 The following Proclamation being read was approved of and issued accordingly

Maryland's

By His Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq
 Governor and Commander in Chief in and
 over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas a Wicked and Dangerous Conspiracy hath been discovered
 to have been lately entered into by several Negroes in Prince Georges County
 to kill and Murder the white people within the said County and other parts
 of this Province several of which conspirators are now actually in prison
 and Informations given against many others not yet apprehended In
 order therefore to Avert so great and imminent a Danger and as much as
 in me lies to Secure his Majestys Subjects in their Lives and Property
 and to prevent their being Sacrificed to the rage and fury of merciless and
 Barbarous Slaves I have thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships
 Council of State to Issue this my Proclamation Strictly Commanding and
 requiring all Officers as well Civil as Military within this Province in their
 several and respective Stations to be particularly careful in putting the several
 Laws in Execution to prevent the Tumultuous meeting of Slaves and all
 other Laws for the Safety of the People and to Apprehend all such Slaves
 as shall be found wandering who cannot give a good and satisfactory
 Account of themselves and to Secure them that they may be amenable
 to Justice and dealt with according to Law, And to require all Persons to