

to aiding and assisting to the several Officers in the due and faithful Execution of their duty in the Premises, And also to Exhort all his Majesty's Subjects to be upon their guard and to prepare in the best and most expeditious manner they can for the defence of themselves and their Neighbourhoods And for the better exacting an Obedience from the Civil Officers in the Execution of their Duty in the Premises I hereby earnestly recommend to the Magistrates of the several Counties a careful and Strict Obedience and Notice of such Civil Officers as may be negligent or remiss in their said Several Dutys In Order for their Punishment according to Law, And I do hereby Strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation publick in their said Counties in the usual manner as they will Answer the contrary at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 24 day of January in the 25th Year of his Lordships Dominion Anno Domini 1739

the following Commission being produced by the Honble Col^l Charles Hammond is Ordered to be Entered

Maryland^{ts}

JOHN SEYMOUR Esq^r Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over this her Majesty's Province of Maryland the Sands Islands and Territories thereunto belonging

To John Hammond of Ann Arundel County Esq^r Greeting

WHEREAS I am Commanded and Enjoyned by her most Excellent Majesty's Royal Instructions, to put the Militia of this her Majesty's Province in the best and most useful Posture for the Defence and Security thereof; especially in this time of War And for that I have and do repose Especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, Prudence, Skill and good Conduct, In pursuance of her said Majesty's Royal Instructions to me I have thought fit & do hereby Commissionate you the said John Hammond to be Major General of all and Singular the Forces belonging to the Militia within the Six Countys of the Western Shore, in this Her Majesty's Province both of Horse and Foot Commanding and Requiring the several Colonels and Commanders and other Subalterne Officers Soldiers and Troopers of the said Militia to be in all Respects Obedient to your Commands And to the end the said Militia may be rendered the most