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being GIVEN at Our Court at St. James the second Day of April 1702
in the thirteenth Year of Our Reign

Having been called upon by repeated Provocations to
declare War against Spain, We are determined, by Gods Assistance in
so just a Cause, to vindicate the Honour of Our Imperial Crown, to
revenge the Injuries done to Our Subjects, to assert their undoubted
Rights of Commerce and Navigation, and by all possible Means to attack,
annoy and distress a Nation, that has treated Our People with such
Insolence and Barbarity

1. We have therefore given Orders for the equipping and setting forth
of an Expedition against the Territories of the Catholic King in the West
Indies, which will consist of a large Squadron of Our Ships of War, and of
a considerable Number of Our Land forces, with a suitable Train of
Artillery, Storeships and Transports; The Fleet to be commanded by Our trusty
and Welbeloved Edward Fenton Esq. Vice Admiral of the Blue Squadron of Our
Fleet, and Commander in Chief of Our Ships employed, or to be employed in the
West Indies, and the Land forces by Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Charles
Lord Cathcart, Major General of Our Forces, whom We have appointed
Our General and Commander in Chief of the said Expedition

We have also determined to raise a Body of Troops in Our
Colonies on the Continent of North America, to join Those to be sent from
hence at a particular Rendezvous, which will be appointed for that purpose
and to act in conjunction with them, under the Command of Our said
General, in such Dispositions as shall be made for Our Service; And
although We have not thought fit to fix any particular Quota for Our
Province of Maryland under Your Government, because We would not
set Bounds to their Zeal for Our Service, yet considering the great
Number of Inhabitants in Our said Province, and that they have of
late Years been much encouraged, We doubt not in the least but they will
 exert themselves upon this Occasion, as far as the Circumstances of