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approved of and Ordered to issue

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

A Proclamation

Whereas I have been credibly informed that several evil disposed Persons in View of obstructing his Majesty's Service have insinuated that such as have enlisted themselves in the Troops to go to the West Indies may without danger desert, and that there is no Law to punish them I have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Lordships Council of State to issue this my Proclamation in order to undeceive any that may have been deluded by such false Insinuations, to prevent Others from falling into the Danger, which they may be subject to for Desertion, and to remove all Pretence of Ignorance, to notify that the Parts of the Act of Parliament for punishing Mutiny and Desertion which subject Deserters, and such Officers or Soldiers as shall correspond with his Majesty's Enemies to the Pains of Death, expressly extend to all his Majesty's Dominions, and that all who shall be legally convict of any of the said Offences, and every Person who shall excite or encourage or persuade any Person, who hath enlisted or shall enlist in his Majesty's Service, to mutiny or desert, shall be punished with the utmost Rigor of Law And as his Majesty's Commissions are now in my hands I do hereby in his Majesty's Name strictly charge and require all Persons who have enlisted themselves in his Majesty's Service, as they shall answer the contrary at their Peril, to repair forthwith to Annapolis in order to be instructed and exercised in military Discipline to the End they may be able to discharge their Duty to his Majesty as faithful Subjects and good Soldiers And to the Intent that all Persons concerned may have due Notice hereof I do hereby strictly charge and command the several Sheriffs of