

Proceedings upon the tryall of Woodcock,  
Mason Burleigh and Alyewood upon the  
Death of M<sup>r</sup> Paine.

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To all Sherriffs & Chiefe Officers & Magistrates Millitary & Civill and all others their Maj<sup>ties</sup> subjects Inhabitants of this Province of Maryland Greeting whereas upon the Informacōn & advice of a late Barbarous horrid Murder perpetrated & Committed by some Papiste Confederates with Maj<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Sewall one of the late depute Governo<sup>rs</sup> of this Province on the body of M<sup>r</sup> Iohn Paine his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Collect<sup>r</sup> for Potuxon district within this Province in the Execucon of his Office humbly recommended & offered to the paternall Princely Consideration of his most Sacred Maj<sup>tie</sup> Our Sovereign Lord William by the grace of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland— Defender of the Faith &c by the humble peticon of S<sup>r</sup> William Paine brother to the said Iohn Paine in London His said Maj<sup>tie</sup> out of his zealous & pious inclination to Iustice and to have the Murderers brought to condign punishment according to Law hath thought fitt to Signifie his Royall pleasure and Especiall Commande to this Governmt. under the notion & name of such as for the time being take care for preserving the peace and Administring the Lawes within this his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Province of Maryland requiring them to bring the Murderers or Malefacto<sup>rs</sup> concerned in the said Murder to Tryall & Speedy Iustice as by his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Commissionary Lett<sup>r</sup> of the 26<sup>th</sup> of Aprill last directed as afd relacōn being there unto had more fully and at large it doth & may appeare. And whereas furthermore severall other persons papists and popishly affected & Evily inclined for want of a due Settlemt within this Province and a qualified authority (as they conceive or conjecture within themselves) to curb their insolences have out of their wicked & Mallitious rebellious & Treasonable inclinations & designes to disturb the present peace and Tranquility of their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects here Endeavoured and still do persevere and Continue to raise up mutiny & Sedition amongst them in Opposition to the present Governm<sup>t</sup> by uttering divulgeing & Spreading abroad severall false mutinous Scandalous & rebellious Speeches papers & pamphletts by them contrived & procured to terrify & amuse the good people of this province and divert them from their naturall allegiance to their Maj<sup>ties</sup> & Obedience to the present Governm<sup>t</sup> by his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Royall Authority here Established in open Opposition to & violation of the good & wholesome Lawes of England & of this province in such Cases made & provided In Obedience therefore & pursuant as well to his Maj<sup>ties</sup> said Commands before recited & Expressed as also to prevent the