

A Proclamation
ffor a publick thanksgiving

Lib. H. D.
Maryland ss

fforasmuch as it hath pleased God (of his infinite mercy) to Grant to the fforges of his most sacred Ma^{ty} (this last year) great prosperity & success against his Enemies the ffrench as well by Land as sea, and more especially considering the joyfull & happy News of his Ma^{ts} safe arrivall in England, the Almightyes continued goodness in the protection of his Royall person under all those dangerous hazards & Attempts his Ma^{ty} hath vndergone, during this warr; All which inestimable blessings Require our publick thanksgiving & acknowledgm^{ts}; Have therefore thought fit, and by the advice of his Ma^{ts} hono^{ble} Councill & House of Burgesses (in a Generall Assembly now Convened) do hereby appoint & Command that a generall thanksgiving to Almighty God for these Rich Mercies & ffavours, be observed on thursday next, by the s^d Genll Assembly & all the Inhabitants & others then Residing within this Port, and (in the severall Counties & places within this province) on the ffirst thursday in June next; And I do strictly Charge & Command that the said publick days of thanksgiving be Religiously observed by all his Ma^{ts} loving Subjects within the same; requiring all persons to go out of Mourning and to abstain from servile & Corporall labor on those days, and that the Ministers of the severall parishes do then Read divine service and preach, as they will Answer the contrary: And to the end due Notice hereof may be given, I do further Command the severall Sherriffs of the province to make proclamation hereof in all Churches, Chapells & other publick places of Meeting within their respective Counties; Given at the Port of Annapolis vnder the Broad Seal of the province, this ffifth day of May (being Munday) Anno 1696, and in the Eighth year of his s^d Ma^{ts} Reign

Whitehall
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God Save the King. ffr: Nicholson

May the 6th 1696.

The Councill again Sate & were p^rsent as before with the Addition of the hono^{ble} Coll John Addison & Thomas Brook, Esq.

Whitehall

Coll Codd
Excused
from being of
the Commis-
sion of
Review.
Came Coll St. Leger Codd, who being appointed upon the Commission of Review inter Lingan & Crauford, humbly prays to be dismissed, saying that his indisposition of body is so great th^t he has obtained like favour from the House of Burgesses to retire home; Ordered that he be dismissed accordingly,

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