

Lib. H. D. ince to make proclamation hereof, in all publick places of meeting within their respective Counties; Given at the Port of Annapolis this 13th day of May in the Eighth year of his Ma^{ty} Reign &c^a Annoq Domini 1696.

God Save the King. ffr: Nicholson

Whitehall Produced also & Read a Proclamation drawn, vpon a Propo-
sall made to the House, relating to building Bridewells, which
was signed by his Ex^{ty} & passed the Broad Seal of the
Province.

The s^d Proclamation follows in these Words, Viz^t

By his Ex^{ty} the Cap^t Gen^l &c^a

Maryland ss: A Proclamation

A Proclama-
tion Relating
to Bridewells
&c^a Whereas a Propo-
sall being made to the House of
Burgesses by the hono^{ble} his Ma^{ty} Council of this
province in Assembly lately met & Convened, for
the Erecting a publick Bridewell or house of Correction,
wherein all idle & Vagrant persons may be put and kept at
worke, by which Propo-
sall it was also signified, that if any
person or persons would vndertake to build & keepe the
same, at their own proper Charge, they might have Lease
thereof for terme of years &c^a And fforasmuch as the Gen-
tlemen of the House of Delegates & Burgesses have by
their Assent to the s^d proposall exprest their well liking &
approbation of the same, have therefore (by advice in
Council) thought fit to publish and make known and do
accordingly proclame & signify that such persons as are
minded & willing to vndertake and Manage such a Concern,
that they would draw vp in writing what proposalls they have
to Offer in or about carrying on & managing the s^d Design
by them to be transmitted vnto the Justices of the severall
County Courts for them to do therein, according to the Laws
& Usull Customs of England in such Case, and of this
p. 337 Countrey, hereby strictly Commanding the severall Sffes of
the province to make Proclamation hereof in all Churches,
Chappells & other publick places of Meeting within their
respective Counties; Given at the Port of Annapolis vnder
the Broad Seal of the Province this 13th day of May 1696,
and in the Eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord
King William the third &c^a

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