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phaneness in all persons from the highest to the lowest degree within this Province and particularly those who are in Authority or offices of Trust and do Expect that all such Persons and others of Credit and good Repute will to their utmost Contribute to the discountenancing men of dissolute and debauched Lives that they being reduced to shame and Contempt may be enforced the sooner to reform their ill Habits and practices so that the displeasure of good Men towards them may supply what the Law cannot wholly Prevent

And for the more effectual reforming such men who are a discredit to the Province I do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Justices Sheriffs Constables and other officers both Ecclesiastical and Civil and other her Majesty's good Subjects whom it may Concern to be very diligent and Strict in the discovery and Effectual Prosecution and punishment of all Persons who shall be guilty of Excessive drinking Blasphemy prophane swearing and Cursing Lewdness prophanation of the Lords Day or other dissolute immoral and disorderly Practices as they will answer it to Almighty God and incur my utmost resentments

And for the more Effectual Discovery of the said Enormitys I do hereby direct and require all her Majesty's Justices of the Peace to give Strict Charges at their respective Courts for the due prosecution and punishment of all Persons that shall presume to offend in any of the kinds a^d and also of all Persons that Contrary to their duty shall be remiss or negligent in putting the said Laws in Execution and that they do at their grand Jury Courts Cause this my Proclamation to be publickly read in open Court immediately before the Charge is given

And I do hereby further Charge and Command all and every the ministers in his or their respective Parish Churches or Chappels to read or Cause to be read this my Proclamation at least six times in every year immediately after divine Service and to make and Stir up their respective Auditories to the practice of Piety and Virtue and the avoiding of all Immoralities and Prophaneness

Given at the Town and Part of Annapolis this Sixteenth day of Sep^r in the third year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady Anne by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland and the Dominions thereto belonging Queen Defender of the Faith &c. Annoq Domini 1704.

God Save the Queen

And sent to the House of Delegates for their Perusal by Col Addison and five other members of her Majesty's hon:ble Council