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Upon reading a Letter produced from Edward Green of the thirtieth of Aprill last, vnto his Excell sent and directed setting forth the late casting up of two sprig Whales vpon the Sea side, in Somerset County; Ordered that the hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll George Robotham Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty on the Eastern shore have inspection into that matter, and that Copy of the s<sup>d</sup> Greens Commissions from his Excell for Wrecks and Drift Whales &c<sup>a</sup> be given him together with the said Letter for him to take such care therein as the Law shall direct.

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May the 13<sup>th</sup> 1696

The Councill again Sate & were p<sup>r</sup>sent as before.

Produced & Read a Proclamation drawn, vpon a proposall made to the House, relating to the encouraging the inhabitants of the two ports of Annapolis & Williamstadt, which was signed by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & passed the Broad Seal of the Province The said proclamation follows in these Words, Viz<sup>t</sup>

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By his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> &c<sup>a</sup>

Maryland ss.

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### Proclamation

Proclamation relating to the inhabitants of Annapolis & Williamstadt

Whereas for the future Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of the inhabitants living within the two ports of Annapolis & Williamstadt it hath been considered that a dispensation of a certain Act of Assembly of this province Entituled an Act ag<sup>t</sup> Engrossing & Regrating towards the inhabitants of the afores<sup>d</sup> two ports & Towns would conduce much thereto; Whereupon a proposall to that intent being laid before the house of Burgeses by the Hono<sup>ble</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Councill of this province and on both sides Agreed to and passed into an Ordinance, I have therefore by advice thought fit to Notify and make known, and I do hereby accordingly proclame & declare that all persons actually inhabiting and Residing within the Port & Town of Annapolis & Port & Town of Williamstadt afores<sup>d</sup> may (for the future) freely deale for, Bartar & Buy any manner of Goods Wares and Merchandizes whatsoever there imported & sell & dispose thereof again at pleasure, any thing in the s<sup>d</sup> Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding Provided the s<sup>d</sup> persons so dealing, buying and selling do actually live and Reside with their ffamily within one of the afores<sup>d</sup> ports and not otherwise; And that due Notice may be given, I do hereby Command the severall Sherriffs of the prov-

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