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By his Excell^{cy} John Hart Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l & Governour in
Chief of the s^d Province

A Proclamation

Whereas on Sunday night last the tenth of June Instant (Being Supposed to be the Anniversary Day of the Birth of the Person Who is commonly called the Pretender) four of the Great Guns on the Court House Hill in the City of Annapolis where loaden And two of them fired off by some wicked disloyal & Traiterous Persons as yet undiscovered And as It is Supposed in Honour of the said Pretender and Contempt & opposition of our most Gracious Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c^a his just Right & happy Government as by Law Established, And to the extreme Surprize Dread & Disquiett of all his said Majesty's good & faithful Subjects of this Province, I have thought fitt to issue this my Proclamation declaring, that in Case any person do discover to me or any of his Lordship's Council of State or other Magistrate within this Province All or any of the persons Who Loaded & fired the s^d Gunns or otherwise Caused or procured them so to be loaden or fired in the night aforesaid So that the Person or persons so by them discovered to have been Concerned in that Traiterous Wicked Audacious & Insolent Action may be apprehended and brought to Justice therefore I will immediately give unto such Discoverer or Discoverers the Sum of twenty pounds Sterl. And in Case any one Person concerned and having Acted therein will forthwith make a full & free discovery of his Accomplices such Person shall not only receive a pardon for such his Offence but shall likewise be Entituled to have & receive from me the af^d Reward of twenty Pounds Sterl. p. 151

Given at the City of Annapolis under the Great Seal of this said Province this fifteenth day of June in the second year of his Majesty's Reign &c. And in the first year of the Dominion of the Right Honble Charles Lord Baron of Baltimore Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon &c. Annoq Domini 1716

Whereupon one Jacob Fox a Servant to M^r Joseph Hill made the Discovery and confessed himself to be one that fired one of the af^d Guns

And upon Tryal the Person that fired the other was solemnly Convicted thereof & Whipped & Pilloried therefore.

And two others were also tryed found guilty & fined for