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WHEREAS on this 16th day of Aug: last, by and with the advice and Consent of her Maty: Lord Council in this Province, I ordered Writs of Election to issue to the Severall Counties and City to chose Delegates and Representatives to meet me in a Generall Assembly on the 27th of September last past: Hoping the Freeholders of this Province would by Their Votes tend to the welfare of their Country to have sent Men of Virtue and Integrity fitting to represent to great a Body, and handle the matters there to have been transacted; But seeing that contrary to my expectation, some Men of ungovernable spirits and humours were returned from the Severall Counties, who instead of promoting the Service and Interest of their Country, ran the other Way to and with many Men people into heats and Tumults, so that after their sitting nine days at the Expence of not left them ten thousand pounds of tobacco a day, not any thing of moment was transacted but the time wholy trifled away in dilatory and partiall proceedings, admitting the Talbott County Delegates without any Returns under the Hand and Seal of the Sheriff and expelling All the Members of the County of St Mary's and City of Annapolis tho legally elected, purging their House as they term it of their adversary strength Wisdom and. And upon strict Inquiry finding the said Delegates without qualifying themselves according to her most Sacred Maty: Royall Instructions by taking the Severall Oaths Require enjoyd to before they could sit in their House, had elected a Speaker with a Gining adapted to the humour of severall of those hot headed Members, serving to run them into all Confusion, I proceeded to debate matters in their House, make Votes and adjourne themselves without a Period to another day, whereby the said Intended Assembly became discontinued.

Leaving the Country thereby [illegible] and the Severall Acts of Assembly which might happen by them to be made should have none Effect, And the publique Loss by them which also should be disputed by reason of the Defect in the said Members having discontinued the Assembly aforesaid — Wherefore and with the Advice and Consent of her Maty: Lord Council I have thought fitt to send for the said Delegates and against them they were dissolved, And that in convenient time new Writs of Election should be issued — And now with the same Advice have issued this my Proclamation Commanding and requiring the Severall Sherriffs of the respective Counties for the Satisfaction of all her Maty: good and peaceable Subjects to publish the same in all Chapples Court Houses & Chappells in the Severall Counties of this Province —

Given at the City of Annapolis this fifth Day of October in the Seventh Year of the Reign of our most Sacred Maty: Anne by Grace of God Queen of Great Britain France & Ireland &c. Annoq: Dom: 1708.

God Save the Queen.

Jo: Seymour

Anne Arundell Co.

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