

[Arms] By the Honourable John Penn, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in chief of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware. A proclamation. Whereas I have received information, that on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of this month, a number of people, armed, and mounted on horseback unlawfully assembled together, and went to the Indian Town in the Conestogoe Manor in Lancaster County, and without the least reason or provocation, in cool blood, barbarously killed six of the Indians ... Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the twenty-second day of December Anno Domino one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three ... Philadelphia

BY THE HONOURABLE JOHN PENN, Esq;

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and Counties of *New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware*, A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS I have received Information, That on *Wednesday*, the Fourteenth Day of this Month, a Number of People, armed, and mounted on Horseback, unlawfully assembled together, and went to the *Indian Town* in the *Conestogoe Manor*, in *Lancaster County*, and without the least Reason or Provocation, in cool Blood, barbarously killed six of the *Indians* settled there, and burnt and destroyed all their Houses and Effects: AND WHEREAS so cruel and inhuman an Act, committed in the Heart of this Province on the said *Indians*, who have lived peaceably and inoffensively among us, during all our late Troubles, and for many Years before, and were justly considered as under the Protection of this Government and its Laws, calls loudly for the vigorous Exertion of the civil Authority, to detect the Offenders, and bring them to condign Punishment I HAVE THEREFORE, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council, thought fit to issue this Proclamation, and do hereby strictly charge and enjoin all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, Officers Civil and Military, and all other His Majesty's liege Subjects within this Province, to make diligent Search and Enquiry after the Authors and Perpetrators of the said Crime, their Abettors and Accomplices, and to use all possible Means to apprehend and secure them in some of the public Goals of this Province, that they may be brought to their Trials, and be proceeded against according to Law.

AND WHEREAS a Number of other *Indians*, who lately lived on or near the Frontiers of this Province, being willing and desirous to preserve and continue the ancient Friendship which heretofore subsisted between them and the good People of this Province, have, at their own earnest

Request, been removed from their Habitations, and brought into the County of *Philadelphia*, and seated, for the present, for their better Security, on the *Province-Island*, and in other Places in the Neighbourhood of the City of *Philadelphia*, where Provision is made for them at the public Expence. I do therefore hereby strictly forbid all Persons whatsoever, to molest or injure any of the said *Indians*, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of the said Province, at Philadelphia, the Twenty-second Day of December, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, and in the Fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

JOHN PENN.

By His Honour's Command, Joseph Shippen, junior, Secretary.

GOD Save the KING.

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