

By His EXCELLENCY  
*William Shirley, Esq.*

Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in  
*New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, and Major-General in His Majesty's Army.

A Proclamation

*WHEREAS the Indians of Norridgewock, Arresaguntacook, Weweenock and St. John's Tribes, and the Indians of other Tribes inhabiting in the Eastern and Northern Parts of His Majesty's Territories of New-England, the Penobscot Tribe only excepted, have, contrary to their solemn Submission unto His Majesty long since made and frequently renewed, been guilty of the most perfidious, barbarous and inhuman Murders of divers [sic] of his Majesty's English Subjects for many Months past ; and the said Indians have fully discovered an inimical, traiterious and rebellious Intention and Disposition ;*

***I have therefore thought fit to issue this proclamation, and to Declare the Indians of the Norridgewock, Arresaguntacook, Weweenock and St. John's Tribes, and the Indians of other Tribes inhabiting in the Eastern and Northern Parts of His Majesty's Territories of New-England...to be Enemies, Rebels and Traitors to his Most Sacred Majesty: And I do hereby require his Majesty's Subjects of this Province to embrace all Opportunities of pursuing, captivating, killing and destroying all and every of the aforesaid Indians, the Penobscots excepted....***

*...I do hereby promise, That there shall be paid out of the Province's Treasury to all and any of the said forces, over and above their Bounty upon Enlistment, their villages and subsistence, the Premiums of Bounties following, viz.*

*For every Male Indian Prisoner above the Age of Twelve Years, that shall be taken and brought to Boston, Fifty Pounds.*

*For every Male Indian Scalp, brought in as Evidence of their being killed, Forty Pounds.*

*For every Female Indian Prisoner, taken and brought in as aforesaid, and for every Male Indian Prisoner under the Age of Twelve Years, taken and brought in as aforesaid, Twenty-five Pounds.*

*For every Scalp of such Female Indian or Male Indian under Twelve Years of Age, brought as Evidence of their being killed, as aforesaid, Twenty Pounds.*

*GIVEN under my Hand at Boston, in the Province aforesaid, this Twelfth Day of June, 1755, and in the Twenty-eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, etc.*

GOD Save the KING



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## A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS the Indians of *Norridgewock*, *Arrisagunawok*, *Wewenock* and *St. John's* Tribes, and the Indians of the other Tribes inhabiting in the Eastern and Northern Parts of His Majesty's Territories of *New-England*, the *Penobscot* Tribe only excepted, have, contrary to their solemn Submission unto His Majesty long since made and frequently renewed, been guilty of the most perfidious, barbarous and inhuman Murders of divers of His Majesty's *English* Subjects; and have obtained from all Commerce and Correspondence with His Majesty's said Subjects for many Months past; and the said *Indians* have fully discovered an inimical, traiterious and rebellious Intention and Disposition;

**I** have therefore thought fit to issue this Proclamation, and to Declare the *Indians* of the *Norridgewock*, *Arrisagunawock*, *Wewenock* and *St. John's* Tribes, and the *Indians* of the other Tribes now or late inhabiting in the Eastern and Southern Parts of His Majesty's Territories of *New-England*, and in Alliance and Confederacy with the above-mentioned Tribes, the *Penobscot* only excepted, to be Enemies, Rebels and Traitors to His Most Sacred Majesty: And I do hereby require His Majesty's Subjects of this Province to embrace all Opportunities of pursuing, captivating, killing and destroying all and any of the aforesaid *Indians*, the *Penobscot* excepted.

AND WHEREAS the General Court of this Province have voted, That a Bounty or Encouragement be granted and allowed to be paid out of the Publick-Treasury to the marching Army that shall be employed for the Defence of the Eastern and Western Frontiers from the Twenty-fifth of this Month of *June* until the Twenty-fifth of *November* next;

**I** have thought fit to publish the same; and I do hereby promise, That there shall be paid out of the Province-Treasury to all and any of the said Forces, over and above their Bounty upon Enlistment, their Wages and Subsistence, the Premiums or Bounties following, viz.

For every Male Indian Prisoner above the Age of Twelve Years, that shall be taken and brought to *Boston*, *Fifty Pounds*.

For every Male Indian Scalp, brought in as Evidence of their being killed, *Forty Pounds*.

For every Female Indian Prisoner, taken and brought in as aforesaid, and for every Male Indian Prisoner under the Age of Twelve Years, taken and brought in as aforesaid, *Twenty-five Pounds*.

For every Scalp of such Female Indian or Male Indian under Twelve Years of Age, brought as Evidence of their being killed, as aforesaid, *Twenty Pounds*.

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By His Excellency's Command,  
J. WILLARD, Secy.

W. Shirley.

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