

Imprint No.: **1775.003**

Short Title: **Proclamation of March 28, 1775.**

Author: Dunmore, John Murray, Earl of (1732-1809), governor.

Title: By His Excellency the Right Honourable John Earl of Dunmore, His Majesty's lieutenant and governor general of the colony and dominion of Virginia, and vice admiral of the same: A Proclamation. Virginia, to wit. Whereas certain persons, stiling themselves delegates of several of His Majesty's colonies in America, having presumed without His Majesty's authority or consent, to assemble together at Philadelphia in the months of September and October last, have thought fit, among other unwarrantable Proceedings, to resolve that it will be necessary that another Congress should be held ... I am commanded ... to prevent such appointment of Delegates, and to exhort all Persons ... to desist from such an unjustifiable Proceeding ... Given under my hand, and the seal of this colony, the 28th day of March, in the 15th year of His Majesty's reign.

Place Issued: Williamsburg

Issuing Press: Dixon & Hunter

Description: 1 sheet [1 pg.]; 31 cm. x 18 cm. (broadside).

Notes: Dunmore herein ordered magistrates and other colonial officials to prevent the appointment of delegates to the Second Continental Congress set to convene in May 1775. Proclamation was issued the day after the end of the Second Virginia Convention at Richmond (March 20 to 27), which did elect such delegates.

Bristol credits this imprint to Dixon & Hunter, who printed several items for Dunmore in early 1775; he then thought the presses of Alexander Purdie and John Pinkney to be in the control of the dissident colonists challenging crown and parliamentary authority in Virginia, and so chose not patronize either of them.

IVP Associated Names: John Dixon (140); William Hunter, Jr. (231)

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Bibliographic Notations

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