

Letters by the Grant and of our Sovereign
 Lord Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland France
 and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Absolute Lord
 and Proprietor of the Province and Country of Maryland
 in the parts of America Lord Baron of Baltimore &c to all
 and singular persons to whom this present Writing shall come
 Greeting Know ye that we taking into our serious Considera-
 tion the necessity of making a Governour appointing a Council
 and other Officers and Establishing of Laws proper and Con-
 venient for preservation of the peace and support of the Com-
 mercialty of our Province of Maryland and likewise calling
 to mind the faithful and laudable Service done by our dear
 Brother Leonard Calvert Esq as well in the Advancement of his
 Person in the first descent and settling our Colony there as the
 Ordering and Advancing the same by his personall residence
 within the same our said Province wherein he hath Manifested
 to the Satisfaction of our self and of our Colony there such
 Wisdom Fidelity Industry and other Virtues as render him
 Capable and Worthy of trust hereby by us intended to be reposed
 in him and for divers other Good Causes and Considerations
 we thereunto especially moving have Nominated Constituted
 Ordained Authorized and Established and by these Presents
 do Nominate constitute Ordain Authorise and Establish the
 said Leonard Calvert in the absence of us and Our heirs Our
 Lieutenant General Admiral Chief Captain & Commander as well
 by Sea as Land of our said Province of Maryland and the
 Islands to the same belonging and do by these presents Give
 unto him the chief Commandment and Absolute Authority
 about & in all matters of Warfare by Sea and Land to execute
 And Administer the same to the Resistance of the Enemy or Sup-
 pression of Mutinies and insolencies as our said self shall
 think most Commodious for the Preservation of our said Prov
 and to do all such things as do belong or appertain to the

the Office of a General Admiral Captain or Commander to
have hold and enjoy and Administer the same with such
Power and Authority as any other Lieutenant Governor Genl
Admiral Captain and Commander of any other Province may
might or Ought by the Law of Arms to do until we shall
Signify our Pleasure to the contrary And therefore we do
herby further Ordain and Command all Captains and
Soldiers as well by Sea as by Land whom it may concern
and all such as are and shall of our Council within our
said Province all our Officers Receivers Bailiffs Marshalls
Magistrates Gentlemen and all other Inhabitants of our said
Province of what quality or Condition soever that they and
every of them do acknowledge the said Sr. Calvert in the
Quality of Our Lieutenant General Admiral Chief Captain
and Commander of all our said Province and the Islands
and Members of the same and do honour respect and Obeie
him as they ought to do upon pain of such punishment
to be inflicted upon them and every of them as such a high
Contempt shall deserve and to the end that no man there
shall pretend ignorance we do Command this Our Ordinance
to be proclaimed and published within our said Province
at the Places accustomed to Proclaim and publish our
Edicts or Ordinances Commanding him our said Lieutenant
to proceed with Rigor against all Contemners & Neglectors
of the same according to the Order of punishment before
mentioned without favour or and we do further
by these presents make Constitute and Ordain & Establish
the said Leonard Calvert to be our Chancellor Chief Jus-
tice and Chief Magistrate within our said Province until
we or our heirs shall signify the contrary under our hand
and Seal and from time to time to appoint and Constitute
Officers and Ministers for the preservation of the peace
Administration and Execution of Justice & for doing and
Executing of all other things whatsoever which belong

to the Establishing and Governing of a Good and happy
 Commonwealth within our said Province and we do further
 Give and Grant to him our said Lieu^t Chancellor Chief Justice
 & chief full and Absolute Power and Authority to
 Assemble the freemen of Our said Province or their deputies at
 Saint Marys within our said Province upon the five and twen-
 tieth day of January next ensuing the date hereof and then &
 there to signify to them that we do desire to call the Sutes by
 them heretofore or at any time made within our said Province
 as we do hereby declare them to be void and further to shew unto
 them the draught or copy of all such Sutes and Ordinances for
 the Good Government of our said Province as we shall before that
 time transmit him our said Lieutenant under our hand and
 Seal with our Assent for enacting of the same and likewise of
 the said freemen or their deputies so assembled shall approve
 and Consent unto all the said draughts or copies of the said
 Sutes and Ordinances in manner as we send them over to pub-
 lish the same as Sutes under the Great Seal of our Province
 that the People and Inhabitants of our said Province may take
 the better Notice thereof And we do further by these presents Give
 and Grant unto him our said Lieu^t like absolute Power and
 Authority after the said Assembly so called as aforesaid shall be
 by him dissolved at all or any other time or times when and
 as often as he shall think fit to call or Summon one or more
 General Assembly or Assemblies of the freemen ^{of} our said Province
 and to propound and prepare other wholesome Sutes and Or-
 dinances for the Government and well Ordering of the said Prov-
 and People within the same to be by us Assented to and Confer-
 med if upon view and mature Consideration had of the same
 We shall in our Judgment approve thereof And we do by these
 Presents Give and Grant full Power and Authority unto our
 said Lieu^t to convene and dissolve the said Assembly so au-
 thorized to be called on the five and twentieth day of January

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next ensuing the date hereof as aforesaid and all other Assemblies by him hereafter to be called at his Pleasure and forasmuch as the calling of a General Assembly of the said People and the Consulting about and Enacting of Laws will require long time and much Consultation and many times sudden and other necessary Occasions may happen or fall out which require..... a speedy Remedy we do therefore give & Grant unto our said Lieutenant full Power and Authority to make constitute Ordain and publish in our names such reasonable and profitable Ordinances Edicts and Proclamations with reasonable pains and penalties therein to be expressed to be duly inflicted on all such Offenders against the same as he our said Lieutenant in his discretion shall think fit provided that such penalties do not extend to the taking away the Right or Interest of any person or Persons or in their Life Members or Freeholds Goods or Chattels All which Ordinances Edicts and Proclamations shall stand in force only and until we or our heirs shall signify the contrary to him our said Lieut^{General} and the People there or that he our said Lieut^{General} shall in his discretion think fit to repeal the same And further we do hereby Give and Grant full Power and Authority to him our said Lieut^{General} to Appoint fit Places for publick Ports for loading Shipping Unloading and discharging all Goods and Merchandizes to be imported or Exported into or out of our said Province and to Prohibit the Shipping or discharging of any Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever in all other Places or Ports within our said Prov^{and} and Appoint Officers ^{and Ministers} in the same places and Ports and also to erect and Establish convenient places for the holding and keeping of Fairs and Markets and to Establish Markets and Fairs there to be held upon certain days for that purpose to be by him Appointed and we do further by these Presents

Give full Power and Authority to our said Lieutenant of
 the said Cause to pardon and remit in part or in whole all past
 forfeitures and penalties which any person or persons hath
 Our said Province shall incur for any misdemeanor or Offense
 against any of our Laws Ordinances or Orders whatsoever ma-
 de to be made for the good Government of our said Province and
 to Grant pardons to all and every such delinquents in our
 name under our Great Seal of our said Province so that such
 pardon or pardons extend not to the pardoning of high Treason
 And further we do by these Presents Commit the Custody
 and keeping of our Great Seal of our said Province unto his
 Our said Lieutenant and do hereby Give and Grant unto
 him our said Lieutenant absolute Power and Lawful Authority
 by for us and in our name to pass and Grant under the Seal
 our Great Seal all writs and Precepts all Commissions for
 the Execution of Justice and for dividing and Bounding
 of Lands all pardons Licenses and all Publick Acts and things
 whatsoever which shall at any time pass within our said
 Province and we do further hereby Give full Power and Au-
 thority unto him our said Lieutenant for us and in our name to
 pass and Grant under our said Great Seal to such person
 or persons such quantity of Land within our said Province
 for such Estate and Interest and with such privileges
 and Immunities as we have or from time to time shall
 Give him our said Lieutenant for manant under our hand
 and Seal all which Grants so to be made passed and Gran-
 ted after the same Grants and the said manants under our
 hand and Seal for the passing thereof shall be emitted by
 Our Secretary of our said Province for the time being and not
 before We will and do hereby declare shall be effectual in
 Law against us and shall bind us and our heirs as firmly

as if we our selves had been present and had Affixed
 Our Great Seal to such Grant or Grants in paper & seal and
 for the better Assistance of him our Lieutenant in the execution
 of the Premises and of the charge by us Committed to him
 We have Appointed and Ordained and by these Presents do
 Appoint and Ordain our Wellbeloved Jerome Haudoy Esq
 Thomas Cornuatoys Esq. & John Sawyer Esq. to be of our
 Council of and within our said Province with whom our said
 Lieutenant shall from time to time advise as he shall see Cause
 upon all Occasions concerning the Good of our said Province
 and of the people there and we do hereby Give and Grant full
 Power and lawful Authority unto him our said Lieu^t to enquire
 and determine and finally to Judge of and upon all Causes
 Criminal whatsoever of what nature kind quality degree or
 Condition soever the same shall be which may or arise
 within our said Province as fully and absolutely as if we our
 self were personally present to Give sentence or Judgment in
 or upon the same (excepting only where the life or member
 of any person shall or may be Engaged of or determined) and
 to award execution upon every such Sentence or Judgment
 and also to hear and determine all civil Causes Actions suits
 and demands both in Law & Equity Concerning any
 Goods Chattels Contracts debts demands or other personal or
 mixed Actions or Actions suit or Suits whatsoever in the most
 Summar and equal way that he may according to the
 Order Laws and Statutes of that our said Province already
 made and Established or hereafter to be made or Established
 and in default of such Laws established or to be established
 within our said Province then according to the Laws and
 Statutes of the Realm of England as near as he may or can
 and determine thereof and where the life mem-
 ber or Freehold of any person or persons shall happen

to come into question within our said Province we do hereby
 Give and Grant to him our said Lieutenant or to such persons
 as we shall from time to time by our Letters or any other war-
 rant under our hand and seal nominate and appoint to
 be of our Council within the said Province or to any three of
 them whereof our said Lieutenant always to be one full power
 and Authority to enquire and determine thereof according to
 the Laws of our said Province established or to be Established
 And finally to Give sentence and Judgment thereupon and to
 Award Execution Accordingly and we do hereby for the better
 Executing of the Premises and preservation of the Records
 of all Proceedings in the premises appoint constitute and Ordain
 the said John Roger as well to be our Secretary and keeper of
 the Acts and Proceedings of our Lieutenant and Council for
 the time being and for the doing and recording of all Grants
 by us or our heirs to be made of any Lands or Offices within
 Our said Province and of all other matters and Acts which
 by any Instructions Laws or Ordinances made or Given or so
 be made or Given for or concerning our said Province shall or
 ought by the Appointment of us and our heirs or by the
 Appointment of our Lieutenant or other chief Governor for
 the time being or otherwise to be recorded as also our Collector
 and Receiver of all our Rents Revenues Profits and Customs
 from time to time to be due or payable within the said Prov.
 And lastly whereas our said Lieu^t may hereafter by absence
 out of Our said Province not attend the said Charge and trust
 hereby in him by us Rejoiced We do hereby Give and Grant
 unto him our said Lieutenant full power and Authority from
 time to time in such Cases of Absence to Nominate Elect and
 appoint such an able Person inhabiting and Residing within
 our said Province as he in his discretion shall make Choice

of and think fit to be. ... our Lieutenant General Admiral
 Chief Captain and Commander as well by Seas Land
 of our said Province we do hereby Give and Grant to our
 Councillors there for the time being or the Greater part of them
 full power and Authority from time to time in every such
 Case to Nominate Elect and Appoint such a viable Person
 Inhabiting within our said Province as they or the Greater
 part of them shall make Choice of and think fit to be our
 Lieut^t General Admiral Chief Captain and Commander
 as well by Seas by Land of our said Province and of the
 Islands to the same Belonging which Person to be Chosen
 And Appointed in either of the Cases aforesaid we do hereby
 declare shall be our Lieutenant General Admiral Chief
 Captain and Commander during the absence of our said
 Brother our present Lieutenant or until we or our heirs shall
 constitute and appoint another Lieutenant or Governor
 of our said Province or otherwise determine the same
 to which Lieutenant General Admiral Chief Captain and
 Commander to be Elected Nominated and Appointed
 as aforesaid / we do hereby Give and Grant the like power
 and Authority in all Causes and things as we have by these
 presents Given and Granted unto our said Brother wil-
 ling and Commanding all our Council Captains Sol-
 diers Officers Ministers and people of our said Province
 And all others whom it may Concern to be Obedient unto
 him in all things matters and Causes as we have herein
 and by these presents Commanded them to be Obedient
 unto our said Brother our present Lieutenant General
 Admiral Chief Captain and Commander upon pain
 of such punishment to be inflicted upon them and
 Every of them as such a high Contempt shall deserve
 Given under our hand and Seal at London in the

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Realm of England the fifteenth day of April in the
Year of our Lord God One thousand Six hundred thirty
and Seven

Signed
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Sigtillu
Endorom^t

These are to Authorise you to put our Great Seal for the
Province of Maryland to this our Commission for the Gov^t
there 15th April 1637

To Our Secretary for the
Province of Maryland

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C. Baltimore