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Papers.

Copy of King James' Lettre to  
My Lord Baltemore upon  
the Treaty of neutrality with  
France in America.

James Rex.

Right Trusty and welbeloved, Wee greet you well.

Whereas for the composing of several disputes and differences that have arisen between our Subjects and the Subjects of our good brother the most Christian King in America, and for the preventing further occasions of controversy in those parts, Wee have lately thought fitt to constitute and appoint Comm<sup>rs</sup> to treat with the Commissioners appointed by our said good Brother the most Christian King for the purpose aforesaid, as also to settle and determine the Bounds and Limits of the Colonies Islands and Territories within our respective Dominions or depending on us in America for the Accomplish<sup>t</sup> whereof a further time will be requisite in regard of the distance of those Places from whence the necessary Informations are to be received. We have therefore authorized and empowered our said Commiss<sup>rs</sup> to sign and seal an Instrument with the Commissioners of the most Christian King for the preventing all Acts of Hostility or violent proceedings between our respective Subjects, a copy whereof is herewith sent to you, and we do accordingly expect from you a conformity to our Directions herein, by avoiding all occasions of misunderstanding between our Subjects and those of the most Christian King without permitting any hurt to be done them in there persons or Estates until the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1688/9 and after that time until Wee shall send you new Orders under our sign manual it being our pleasure that you entertain a good correspondence with the Governor & Officers of the said King in those parts & take care that no just Complaints be brought unto Us against you in that behalfe and soe Wee bid you heartely Farewell from our Court at Whitehall this Twenty Second day of January 1687, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesties Command.

Sunderland L<sup>d</sup>

To our right Trusty & well beloved Charles L<sup>d</sup> Baltemore,  
Lord Proprietary of our Province of Maryland in America.

The above written is a true Copy of the Original L<sup>re</sup> & superscription which is ready to be produced on occasion for their Maj<sup>ties</sup> Service, attested by me

N<sup>a</sup> Blakiston  
Collecter R<sup>s</sup>

Maryland,  
November 26<sup>th</sup> 1689.