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Additional orders & Instructions to our Trusty & well Beloved Tho: Bladen Esq^r our Lieutenant Governour of our Province of Maryland.

An nothing Can be more Certain, then that a due weight and authority is necessary in all Governments.

I must require you to be very carefull not to give Y^r Assent to any Law, or do any other Act, that may in Any Manner weaken the Power & Authority of the Government in Maryland, the due Support of which is as necessary for the Welfare & Prosperity of the people, as for my own particular Interest, whatever Mistaken or popular notions may be advanced on this Head

And particularly you must not Allow any Alterations to be made in the Assize Law, passed by the Late Governour, or to the Lessening of the Power of the Judges, nor must you pass Even that Law, unless the Lower house passes the Bill for 3 pence p^r hh^d for Armes & Ammunition in the usuall Manner.

And whercas the Upper house, for some time past before Y^r Arrival in Maryland, thought it Reasonable to withhold several other Bills till the bill for 3 pence p^r hh^d for armes &c should pass in the Lower House, you are Required for the future not to pass any of the said Bills wth out that for Armes &c in the usual Manner, that so necessary a Bill for the Safety & defence of the Province, & the Others desired by the Lower house may go hand in hand as is usually Practiced in the other Governments of America, & w^{ch} I find by the proceedings of Assembly was all that the Lower house themselves pretended to Contend for in the Late Governors time.

And tho' I am very far from desireing any unjust Article to be inserted or contended for in the Levy Bill Yet I must require you in the most special manner not Suffer any of the Just fees & Perquisites of the Officers, or any of the necessary Expences of the Govern^t, particularly in Relation to the Indians, to be disallowed of by the lower house, but that you absolutely refuse to pass the said Bill, unless fair & equal Justice be done to all Persons without Distinction.

And you are Likewise to take Care that in all the Penal parts of Laws, the Fines be Applied to the Support of Government as usual

As to my private Property, w^{ch} is so much under Y^r Care both as Governour & Chancelor I desire nothing but Equal Justice wth my Tenants in all Respects, and that, as you will always have it in Y^r View to do Justice to them, You may have the same regard to my Just Rights & Propertys & be perticularly carefull that in all Acts relateing to Land Officers, there be nothing inserted in them to my Prejudice, & I hope you will always take Care to Consult wth my Agent in Every thing relateing to my Interest, & have a due Regard to his Just Representations

And If any thing of Very Great Consequence Comes under Y^r Consideration, that you suspend doing anything therein, till you have Aquainted me wth it & received by Directions.