

**Charles** absolute Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Barron of Baltimore &c. to the Sheriff of Anne Arundell County greeting by the advice & consent of the freemen of our said Province of Maryland & of their Deputys & Delegates in a certaine Assembly held atd<sup>t</sup> Marye on the sixteenth day of August last past. Wee have made & enacted a severall Law. (vizt)

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## An Act for the ordering and Regulatēg the militia of this Province & for the better security & defence thereof:

Be it enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> by & with the advice & consent of the upper & lower houses of this present Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly & the authority of the same that from & after the end of the Sessions of this present Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, the militia of this Province shall bee mustred & trained & exercised according to the Instructions & Directions following.

That every Col<sup>l</sup> Major or Cap<sup>t</sup> of foote already Commissioned or hereafter to bee Commissioned by his Sup<sup>ty</sup> his Heirs or Successors Lord & Proprietarys of this Province or his or theirs<sup>t</sup> or the Chief Governo<sup>r</sup> of this Province for the time being, shall have power to enlist such & soe many men inhabiting within this Province, (not hereafter excepted) in their severall & respective Divisions, betwene sixteene & fifty yeares of age, as they shall thinke fitt, by an equall proportion of the said Inhabitants as & possibly they canne to bee of the militia or traine bands of this Province; which said persons soe enlisted they shall muster & exercise & traine in & at such places & at such certaine times as to them shall seeme meete, or the service safety & defence of this Province shall require, or his Lordship the Lord Proprietary of this Province his Heirs & Successo<sup>r</sup>s or his or theirs<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> or the Chief Governo<sup>r</sup> or the Generall or the Chief Governo<sup>r</sup> and Councell for the time being shall see cause to order.

That every such Col<sup>l</sup> Major or Cap<sup>t</sup> shall give notice or summons upon every training or mustering to every person soe enlisted as afore said within his respective Division or Quitt at the head of his Company or at the house of the party, by an officer of his Company, or a warrant under his hand to appeare at such time & place as hee shall appoint for such training or mustering, & that if any man after such notice or summons given as afore said shall neglect or Refuse to appeare at the time & place appointed as afore said, or that shall Refuse when hee hath soe appeared to