

At an Assembly begun and held at the City of  
S<sup>t</sup> Maries on the 15th Day of May in the first  
Year of the Dominion of Charles &<sup>t</sup> Annoq  
Domini 1676.

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On which Day Appeared to the Upper house of Assembly  
The Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary  
of the Province of Maryland &<sup>t</sup>

And Likewise by Virtue of his said Lordships Special Writts  
to them Severally and respectively Directed there did Appear.

The Honourable Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup> Chancellor

Col William Calvert Principal Secretary

Col Iesse Wharton—Thomas Taylor Esq<sup>r</sup>

Baker Brooks Esq<sup>r</sup> Surveyor General.

The Tenour of which Special Writts aforesaid is as followeth  
Viz<sup>t</sup>

Charles Baltimore

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of  
Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &<sup>t</sup> To Our  
Trusty and Welbeloved Our Dear Uncle Philip Calvert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Chancellor of Our said Province Greeting Whereas for Several  
Weighty and Urgent Occasions and Affairs Relating to Our-  
self and to the State and Defence of Our said Province of  
Maryland We have Determined and Ordained a Certain Gen-  
eral Assembly of Ours to be holden at Our City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries  
within Our said Province on the 15th Day of May next there  
to Treat with Our Councillors and the most Considerable Per-  
sons of Our said Province We do Will and Command you  
upon the faith which You Owe unto Us, that the Difficulties of  
Our said Affaires and the Imminent Dangers Considered all  
Excuses whatsoever Set aside You be Personally present at  
the Day and Place aforesaid with Us Our Councillors and the  
aforesaid Other Persons of Our said Province to Treat, and to  
afford Us Your Company and Council in Relation to the afore-  
said Affairs, And this as You love & Esteeme us Our Honour  
and the Safety and Defence of Our said Province you are no  
ways to omitt Witness Ourself at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the  
thirteenth Day of May in the first Year of Our Dominion  
over Our said Province of Maryland Annoq Dom 1676