

Liber P. R. absolutely determine all former Commissions heretofore granted vnto o<sup>r</sup> deare brother Leon: Calv<sup>t</sup> Esq or to Giles Brent Esq concerning the govern<sup>t</sup> of o<sup>r</sup> said pv. of maryl: & all pover & authority by vs thereby granted vnto him or them or to any other of o<sup>r</sup> Councill, or to any other pson or psons whatsoever in & by the said Commissions or any of them: & also all pover heretofore given to o<sup>r</sup> said brother or the sd Giles Brent by the said Commissions or any of them or otherwise of enacting or assenting vnto any lawes or ordinances in o<sup>r</sup> name within the said pv. and we doe hereby likewise discharge all & every pson & psons whatsoever from o<sup>r</sup> Councill, & to be of o<sup>r</sup> Councill within the s<sup>d</sup> pv. of mar: w<sup>ch</sup> heretofore have bin of o<sup>r</sup> Councill there.

nevertheles considering & well knowing that the people there cannot subsist & continue in peace & safety without some good govern<sup>t</sup> to be ordeined & establishd aswell for the cherishing of the vertuous & orderly, as for the punish<sup>mt</sup> of the lewd & disorderly psons there; and calling to mind the faithfull & laudable service done by o<sup>r</sup> said deare brother Leon. Calv<sup>t</sup> Esq aswell in the adventure of his pson in the first discent & settling of o<sup>r</sup> colony within o<sup>r</sup> said pvince of m. as in the ordring & advancing of the same by his psonall residence within the same o<sup>r</sup> said prov: wherin he hath manifested to the satisfaction of o<sup>r</sup> selfe & of o<sup>r</sup> colony there such wisdomes fidelity industry & other vertues as render him capable & worthy of the trust hereby by vs intended to be reposed in him, have nōiated constituted ordained authorised established & by these pnts doe nōiate constitute ordaine authorise & establish the said L. C. in the absence of vs & o<sup>r</sup> heires, o<sup>r</sup> Leiut<sup>t</sup> grāll, admirall, marshall, cheife Capt & comnder aswell by sea as by land of o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> prov. of M. & the Ilands to the same belonging. And doe by these pnts grant vnto him the cheife comand<sup>t</sup> & absolute authority above & in all matters of warfare by sea & land to exequite & administer the same to the resistance of the enemies or suppression of mutinies & insolencies as o<sup>r</sup> said Leiut<sup>t</sup> shall think most commodious for the p<sup>r</sup>servaōn of o<sup>r</sup> said prov. & to doe all such other things as doe belong or apptein to the office of a Lieut<sup>t</sup> generall, admirall, marshall, cheife Captaine or Comnder, in as large & ample maner to all intents & purposes as we o<sup>r</sup> selfe might doe, if we were psonally pnt, by force or vertue of the lrēs patents to vs granted by o<sup>r</sup> soveraigne Lo: K. Charles vnder the great seale of Engl: bearing date at westm: 20. June 8<sup>th</sup> yeare of his ma<sup>ties</sup> reigne. To have hold exequite & administer the same w<sup>th</sup> such & as ample power & authority as we if we were psonally pnt might doe or exequite the same by force or vertue of the lērs patents afores<sup>d</sup> vntil we shal signify o<sup>r</sup> pleasure to the contrary. And we doe