

Commission shall require your temporary Absence from my said Province I do further declare my free Leave and Assent thereto. And that such your Absence from my said Province in obedience to his Majesty's said Commission shall not in any respect invalidate your Commission as my Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Provided, that you return to my said Province to resume the Government thereof when and as often as his Majestys Service shall permit you so to do. And it is my further Will & Pleasure that during your Absence out of the Province upon this great, necessary, and national Service, the Powers of Government over my Province of Maryland be exercised by the President or Senior Member for the time being of my Council whom you are to authorize and commissionate for that purpose, when and as the same shall become necessary, agreeable to the Instructions already received or which shall hereafter be received from me. And I do hereby require you forthwith to Signify or cause to be signified to the Council of State and to both Houses of Assembly within my said Province of Maryland as well the Royal Commission with which his Majesty has been most graciously pleased to invest you upon this important Service, as this my Leave of Absence hereby granted to you from my said Province; And in a more particular manner I do require and enjoyn you, That you do in the most serious & earnest manner recommend it to the good People of my said Province, That they do in furtherance of his Majestys Royal Intentions, and in manifestation of their own just Abhorrence and Resentment at the unprovoked Insults, and Attempts of the Invaders, most heartily co-operate with his Majesty and their neighbouring Governments, by granting such effectual Supplys and prosecuting such vigorous Measures against the common Enemy as shall demonstrate to all future Ages the distinguished Zeal and Loyalty of this my Province of Maryland to their Sovereign and the Cause of their Country.

Given at London under our Hand & greater Seal at Arms this sixth day of July in the twenty eighth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second and in the fourth year of our Dominion over the said Provinces, Annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and fifty four

By his Lordships Command
Cæcil^s Calvert Secretary