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to consider the same and to Report his Opinion to the Committee whether the said Draught may be fitt to pass the great seal accordingly.

William Blathwayt.

May it please your Lordshipps,

In Obedience to your Lordshipps Order of Reforme, I have perused the Draught of the Commission therein mentioned and am of opinion as followeth, I understand the seizure of this Government to be for necessity as being the onely meanes of preserving the Province.

The nature of the seizure is onely to take the Government out of the hands that neglected and endangered it, into the King's hands, But the laws and customes and the propertyes of the Inhabitants are to be preserved as farr as may be.

I doe not know whether or how farr the particulars in this Draught are agreeable to the Lawes and manner of Government which have been settled there or may be prejudiciall to the Interest of the Inhabitants.

I did draw a commission generall reciteing the confusion that was there and the danger of loosing the Province to the Enemyes and the necessity of takeing it into their Majesties' hands and thereupon constituting a Governor there to Govern according to the Laws of the Place (and as the administration ought to have been by the former Governor) and to defend the Province and take and apply the Public Revenue to that purpose.

And I see noe cause to depart therefrom or to recommend this present Draught hereunto annexed not knowing that the particulars herein conteyned are agreeable to the settled Orders of Government there or absolutely necessary for the preservation of the Province.

All which is humbly submitted to your
Lordshipps great wisdom

Geo: Treby

Sept. 1. 1690.

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Report upon the Draught of a
Commission for the Government of
Maryland.

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State of the accompts of the duties of 14^d pr Tun for Ships outward Bound and 2^s p hhd. for Tobacco exported in the said ships in one year ending the 22. of August 1690.