

is hereby referred to the Right Honorable the Lords Comm^{rs} of their Majesties Treasury, to give all necessary directions there in accordingly, as also to appoint such Officers or Officer in Maryland for the collecting and receiving for the future the said moiety of the Impost of two shillings p hogshead appropriated as aforesaid, and such other Revenue as shall be raised for those purposes and for taking and remitting an account of what has been received of the said impost, since the meeting of the said Convention in Maryland in order to a due application thereof It being Her Majestys pleasure that the said duty and moiety of the said Impost be hereafter collected by such as shall be appointed by the Lord Baltimore to collect and receive the same for his own use pursuant to the Report of the said Committee.

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John Povey.

At the Court at Whitehall
the 12th March 1690/1.

Present

The Lords of Her Majesty's most honorable
Privy Council

Trusty and Well beloved, Wee greet you well, We have been informed by your letter of the eleventh of July last, that you have received our Royal Commands bearing date the 5th day of February 1689, and given due obedience thereunto, and having since heard what your deputies and Agents have offered to us, Wee have thought fitt to take our Province of Maryland under our immediate care and Protection, and by letters Patents under the Great Seale of England to appoint our trusty and well beloved Lionel Copely Esq^r of whose prudence and loyalty we are well assured to be our Gov^r thereof, untill whose Arrivall we do hereby authorise and impower you to continue in our name the administration of the Governm^t and preservation of the peace and property of our subjects there, willing and requiring you to take care that one moiety of the Impost of two shillings for every hogshead of Tobacco, exported from our said Province, be collected for the use and support of our Government there, and to permitt the duty of fourteen pence per tunn, and the other moiety of the said duty of two shillings p Hogshead, to be collected and received for the use of the Lord Baltimore as Proprietary of our said Province, by such as shall be appointed by him to collect and receive the same. Wee have been likewise informed by the Representacōns that have been transmitted to us of the murder of our late Collector, and accordingly directed some-