

to whom it is with all becoming submission and duty directed, <sup>P. R. O.</sup>  
hoping that his most sacred Majesty will accept of our constant  
readyness and sincere Devotions to his service, and will graciously  
be pleased to receive us his poor but truly loyall Subjects into his  
immediate protection under a protestant constitution of Government.  
With all suitable respects R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> I subscribe.

Your most humble  
& obedient Servant,  
Ne<sup>a</sup> Blackiston.

Maryland.

May the 10<sup>th</sup> 1691.

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> Daniell Earl of  
Nottingham, one of His Maj<sup>ties</sup>  
principal Secretaries of State.

Humbly present.

Coll: Copley's Commission. June 27<sup>th</sup> 1691.

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William and Mary by the Grace of God etc

To our Trusty and welbeloved Lionel Copley Esq<sup>re</sup> Greeting,  
Whereas by reason of great neglects and miscarriages in the  
Government of Our Province and Territory of Maryland in America,  
the same is fallen into disorder and confusion, by means whereof  
not only the publick Peace and Administration of Iustice (whereby  
the properties of Our Subjects should be preserved there) is broken  
and violated, but also there is an utter want of Provision for the  
Guard and Defence of the said Country against our Enemies, and  
thereby the same is exposed and like to be lost from the Crown of  
England. And whereas Our said Province and our good subjects the  
Inhabitants thereof cannot be defended and secured by any other  
means than by our taking the Government thereof into our hands  
and into our immediate Care. We therefore reposing especial Trust  
and confidence in the Prudence Courage and Loyalty of you the  
said Lionell Copley, out of our especial Grace, certain knowledge  
and meer motion, Have thought fit to constitute and appoint and  
by these Presents do constitute and appoint you the said Lionel  
Copley to be our Captain Generall and Governor in Chief in and  
over our said Province and Territory of Maryland in America. And  
We do hereby require and Command you to do and execute all things  
in due manner that shall belong unto your said Command and the  
Trust we have reposed in you, according to the severall Powers  
and Directions, Granted or appointed you by this present  
commission and the Instructions herewith given you or by such  
further Powers, Instructions or Authorities as shall at any