

And our will and Pleasure is that the persons thereupon duly elected by the major part of the Freemen of the respective Counties and Places, and so returned and having before their sitting taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and supremacy and the Test, which you shall commissionate fit Persons under Our seal of Maryland to administer and without taking which, none shall be capable of sitting though elected, shall be called and held the Generall Assembly of that our Province.

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And that you the said Lionel Copley by and with the consent of our said Councill and Assembly or the Major part of them respectively have full Power and Authority to make, constitute and ordain Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances for the publick peace, welfare and good Government of our said Province and of the People and Inhabitants thereof and such others as shall resort thereto and for the benefit of Us, Our Heires and successors. Which said Lawes, Statutes and Ordinances are to be (as near as may be) agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this our Kingdome of England. Provided that all such Statutes and Ordinances of what nature or duration soever be within three Months or sooner, after the making thereof transmitted unto Us, under our Seal of Maryland, for our approbation or disallowance of the same. As also duplicates thereof by the next Conveyance And in case any or all of them being not before confirmed by us, shall at any time be disallowed and not approved and so signified by Us, Our Heires and successors, under our or their sign manuall and signet or by Order of our or their Privy Councill, unto you the said Lionel Copley or to the Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being, than such and so many of them as shall be so disallowed and not approved shall from thenceforth cease determine and become utterly void and of none effect, any thing to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And to the end nothing may be passed or done by our said Councill or Assembly to the prejudice of Us, our Heires and successors, We will and ordaine that you the said Lionel Copley, shall have and enjoy a negative voice in the making and passing of all Laws, Statutes and Ordinances as aforesaid. And that you shall and may likewise from time to time as you shall judge it necessary, adjourn, Prorogue and dissolve all Generall Assemblies as aforesaid.

And our will and Pleasure is, that you shall and may keep and use the Publick Seal appointed or to be appointed by Us for our Province of Maryland.

And we do further give and grant unto you the said Lionel Copley full Power and Authority from time to time and at any