

tence whatsoever, omit to send over the said Laws and Ordinances as aforesaid within the time above limited.

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And that it may be better understood what Acts and Laws are in force in our Province of Maryland, You are with the assistance of our Council to take Care that all Laws now in force be revised and considered and if there be any thing either in the matter or stile of them which may be fit to be retrenched or altered You are to represent the same unto Us with your Opinion touching the said Laws now in force (whereof you are to send a compleat Body to us) with such alterations as you shall think requisite to the end our approbation or disallowance may be signified thereupon.

You shall take care that the Members of the Assembly be elected only by Freeholders as being most agreeable to the Custome of England to which you are as near as may be to conform yourself.

And you shall reduce the Salary of the members of the Assembly to such a moderate Proportion as may be no grievance to the Country wherein nevertheless you are to use your discretion so as no inconveniency may arise thereby.

You are to take care that no man's life, Member Freehold or goods be taken away or harmed in our said Province, but by Established and known Laws not repugnant to, but as much as may be agreeable to the Laws of Our kingdom of England.

You shall administer or cause to be administered the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and supremacy and the Test, unto the Members and Officers of Our Council and Assembly, all Judges and Iustices and all other Persons that hold any Office in Our said Province, by vertue of any Patent under Our Great Seal of England or the Publick seal of Maryland And you are to permitt a Liberty of Conscience to all Persons so they be contented with a quiet and peaceable Enjoyment of it, not giving offence or scandall to the Government.

You are not to pass any Act or Order within that our Province in any Case, for Levying money and inflicting Fines and Penalties whereby the same shall not be reserved to Us for the publick Uses as by the said Act or Order shall be directed. And we do particularly Require and Command that no mony or value of mony whatsoever be given or granted by any Act or Order of Assembly to any Governor, Lieutenant, Governor or Commander in Chief of Our said Province which shall not according to the stile of Acts of Parliament in England be mentioned to be Given and Granted unto Us with the humble desire of such Assemblies that the same be applied to the use and behoof of such Governor Lieutenant Governor or Com-