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to Us, by one of our principal Secretarys of State and to our Committee for Trade and Plantations. You are to take especial care that fit storehouses be settled throughout our Province for receiving and keeping of Arms, Amunition and other publick stores. That we may be better informed of the Trade of our said Province, you are to take care that due entries be made in all Ports of all Goods and Commodities imported or exported from thence and from and to what Places they come and go, and that a yearly account thereof be transmitted by You unto Us by one of our Principall Secretarys of State and to our Committee for Trade and Plantations. You are to take especial care that all Tobaccos shipt in Maryland from what Part soever they come do pay Maryland duties. And that all possible means may be used for the security of Merchants Ships in their return home, you are hereby directed to take care that in time of war no ship do come from Maryland but in Fleets and at such time as shall be notified from hence for their meeting of Convoys and in Case of imminent danger, you are to expect directions from hence, what precautions shall be necessary for their security.

You are to suppress the ingrossing of Commodities and to settle such Orders and Regulations therein with the Advice of our Councill as may be most acceptable to the Inhabitants.

You are to give all Encouragement and Invitation to Merchants and others who shall bring Trade unto our said Colony or any waies contribute to their advantage and in particular to the Royall Affrican Company. And you are to take care that there be no Trading from Maryland to any place in Affrica within the Charter of the Royall Affrican Company and you are not to suffer any ships to be sent thither without their leave or Authority.

You are carefully to observe all the Articles contained in the Treaty for the composing of differences and the establishing of Peace in America concluded at Madrid the 8/18 day of Iuly 1670 with the Crown of Spain. And in case any private injury or damage shall be offered or done to any of our subjects in those Parts by any of the subjects of the King of Spain or of any other Prince or State in Amity with us. You shall take care to give Us an account with all convenient speed, by one of our principall secretarys of State and to our Committee for Trade and Plantations and not to permit or encourage reparations to be sought in other way than what is directed and agreed in the said Article of Madrid and other Treaties and you are particularly not to Grant Commissions of War or Reprisals against any Prince or State or their subjects in Amity with us to any Person whatsoever without our especiall command and to transmit the same to Us.