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Sr Thomas Laurence's Memⁿ
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Warrant for the Maryland Seale

7th January 1691.

To our Trusty and welbeloved Lionel Copley Esq^{re}, Our Captain Generall and Governor in Chief in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland in America. You will herewith receive a Seal, which we have thought fit to appoint for the use of Our Province of Maryland, the same being Engraven on the one side with our Royall Arms, with the Garter, Crowne, Supporters and Motto, and this Inscription round the circumference Gulielmus 3^d et Maria 2^d Dei Gratia Maj: Brit: Fran: et Hiber Rex et Regina Fidei Defensoris etc. There being on the other side our Royall Cypher crowned and this inscription round the circumference, Sigillum Provincie de Maryland in America, which seal we do hereby authorize and direct to be used in sealing all Patents and Grants and all publick Acts and Instruments which shall be made and passed in our Name for our service within our said Province and that it be to all intents and purposes of the same force and Validity as any former Seal within our said Province or as any other seal whatsoever appointed for the use of any of our Plantations in America is or hath been And we bid you Farewell.

From our Court at Whitehall the seaventh of January 1691.
In the third year of our Reigu

By His Majesty's Command
Nottingham

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14 Jan^{ry} 1691/2.

Received then of William Blathwayt Esq^{re} a Large double seal of silver appointed for the Publick use of the Governor of Maryland which I promise to take care that same be safely conveyed to Coll. Copley Govern^r, cheif of that Province or in his absence from the Governm^t to the Councill there

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M^r Abington's Receipt for the
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the Warr^t was delivered
to M^r Abington the same
day.