

At a Council held at the City of  
Saint Maries the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup>  
Anno Domini 1692

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Present

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His Excellency Lionel Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor  
the hon<sup>ble</sup> { Coll Nehemiah Blakiston  
                  { Coll Nich Greenebury  
                  { Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup>

Appeared also at the Board the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> his Majestys Lieutenant Governor commissioned for this Province and produced his Commission for that Purpose which was read, as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

W: R:

William and Mary by the Grace of God King and Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Defenders of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup> to our trusty and well Beloved Captain Francis Nicholson our Lieutenant Governor of our Collony and Dominion of Virginia in America Greeting whereas by our Commission under our Great Seal of England bearing Date the 27 day of Iune in the third Year of our Reign, wee have thought fit to Constitute and appoint our trusty and well belov'd Lionel Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> our Captain General and Governor in chief in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland in America and whereas we repose especiall trust and confidence in your Loyalty Courage and circumspection, we do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be our Lieutenant Governor of our said Province and territory of Maryland to have hold exercise and enjoy the said Place and Office for & during our Pleasure with all rights Priviledges profitts Perquisites & Advantages. to the same belonging or appertaining and in Case of the Death or absence of the said Lionel Copley we do hereby authorise and Require you to execute and perform all and singular the Powers and directions contained in our said Commission to Lionel Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> and such Instructions as we have already or hereafter shall from time to time send unto him and you are to observe & follow such directions & orders as you shall receive from us, the said Lionel Copley or any other our chief Governor of our said Province and Territory of Maryland for the time being during his Residence within the same, and we hereby command all and singular our Officers Ministers and Loving Subjects of our said Province and Territory and others whom it may concern to take due notice hereof and to give their ready obedience accordingly Given at our Court at Kensington the 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 1691/2 in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign

By his Majestys Command

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