William and Mary by the Grace of God King and Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Defers of the Faith Liber K. &ca to all to whom these presents shall come Know yee that we of our especiall Grace certain Knowledge and meere p. 87 motion have given and Granted and by these Presents do give and Grant unto our trusty and well beloved Sr Thomas Lawrence Baronet the Office or Place of Secretary of the Province of Maryland in America (the Government whereof we have taken into our hands and under our immediate Care,) and him the said Sr Thomas Lawrence Secretary of the Province of Maryld in America we do make ordain and constitute by these Prests To have hold Exercise and enjoy the said Office or Place unto the said Sr Thomas Lawrence by himself or his Sufficient Deputy during our Pleasure and the residence of the said Sir Thomas Lawrence in the said Province together with all rights priviledges Profits Perquisits and advantages to the said Office belonging incident or in any wise appertaining and in such manner and form as any Secretary of any our Provinces in America for or by reason of the Exercise and Execution of such Office or place may lawfully have receive or enjoy in witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents, Witness our selves at Westminster the fifth day of September in the third Year of our Reign

By writ of Privy Seal Pigot

After our hearty commendations his Majesty having been Graciously pleased by his Letters Patents under the great Seal of England, to grant unto you the Office and place of Secretary of their Majestys Province of Maryland in America these are in his Majestys Name and by his express Commands to direct and require you and the Secretary of their Majestys said Province for the time being to send unto us a particular Account of all things that shall pass or be transacted within your said Office of Secretary and Copies of such Laws Acts of Governmt and publick Orders as shall be made from time p. 88 to time together with Copys of the Iournalls of the Councill, and of all such Papers as are or ought to be entred and registred within your said Office, to the end Wee whom his Majesty hath appointed a Committee of his Privy Councill for trade and Foreign Plantations may the better be enabled to perform the duty Incumbent on us which Accots and Copys are to be transmitted by you unto us quarterly or at such times in the Year as any Oppertunity shall offer, as also Duplicates thereof by the next succeeding conveyance And that you and others whom it may concern may at all times give due Obedience hereunto you are to make an Entry of this our Letter in