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Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore To all to whom these presents shall come sendeth greeting Know yee that for the better Government and order of my said Province and good of the Freemen and Inhabitants thereof in my absence I doe hereby constitute and appoynt and make my trusty and welbeloved Councillors William Joseph of London Gent: Colonell Thomas Taylor Colonell Vincent Low Colonell Henry Darnall Colonell William Diggs Major Nicholas Sewall Colonell Edward Pye and Clement Hill of S^t Maries Gentlemen my deputys and Vice-regents of and in the said pvince To call and appoint Generall Assemblys in and for the same and that they or any three of them (whereof the said William Joseph and Henry Darnall to be two) shall and may pass Acts and lawes therein which if wee shall not disapprove of under our greate seale are and shall be and continue lawes for the time therein and thereby intended and shall and may performe and execute all and every such powers and authorities for the good of my said province as I myself might could or can doe if there personally present hereby ratifying and approveing whatsoever my said Deputies or Agents shall Act or doe by vertue of these presents or any power hereby given to them or any of them Given at London the Three and twentieth day of July In the Thirteenth yeare of our dominion Anno que Dni: 1688 Under the greate seale of our said Province of Maryland.

The said M^r Joseph also produced a Letter from his Lordship the Lord Prop^{ty} which was read and is as followeth viz^t

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This will be delivered unto you by M^r William Joseph of whome I have had soe greate a Carracter and Recommendation that I have thought fit to nominate and appoynt him one of my Deputies and to preside upon all occasion of buisines either in my Council or Provinciall Court there, and accordingly have named him first in a Comission which he will deliver to you. I therefore hereby require, authorize and impower you or any two of you to administer to M^r William Joseph the usuall oathes of Deputy, Councillor and Justice of my Provinciall Court there; To the end he may act as one of my Deputies and precide in Council and Courts as often as the affaires of my Province shall require the holding of either.

There will be noe need of your taking these oathes anew I being satisfied you have already taken them upon that Comission I gave you when I last left the Province, the only alteration I intend by this new Comission is the appointing M^r Joseph the first of my Deputies and to preside in Courts & Councils untill such time as I cann be with you in person myself: For