

Lib. R. R. to his said Lo^{pp} and for that I am informed that sev^rall p^{rs}ons subjects of the States Gen^rall of the united Provinces have since taken possession of the said County by force of Armes to the utter Ruine of sev^rall the Inhabitants of the said County & Disinherizon of his said Lo^{pp} of his Just Right, I therefore upon the speciall Trust and Confidence that I have in your fidellity circumspeccōn courage and good Conduct doe hereby Constitute ordaine and appointe you the said Cap^t Thomas Howell Comander in Cheif under me of forty able men to be Raysed & pressed by you in the County of Baltimore sufficiently provided with Armes and Amunition and them to traine Muster & Exercise in the Art of Warre, and from the said County of Baltimore to leade them away, unto the said County of Worcester and there by force or otherwise to surprize and take and possesse the said place called the Horekeele and the said County of Worcester and the same to Keepe and Defend for the use of the said Lord Proprietary and in case of any Resistance by any Enemy or Enemyes to fight and Overcome Kill Destroy and vanquish as occasion shall Require. And I doe hereby Empower you to p^rsse such men not Exceeding the number of forty in the said County of Baltimore as you shall Judge fit for such a Designe and also to p^rsse all such armes and amunition Provision & horses necessary for the accomodation of yo^rself officers & souldiers, and in case of any Rebellion Tumult or sedition of any of yo^r souldiers then I Doe hereby Empower you to p^rceed ag^t them according to Martiall Law and I Doe also hereby Empower you to make & Constitute such & so many officers military under you for comanding the said party as to you shall seeme meete And if it shall so happen (as I doe not in the least doubt) that you shall wynn the said place by assault surprize or otherwise then to p^rceed with such Enemy or Enemyes that shall Resist & oppose you Either according to martiall Law or otherwise as you shall thinke fit and the Emergency of the occasion shall Require, and the said place when taken to Comānd yo^rself or depute such officer or officers for the same as you can confide in (if you cannot Conveniently stay yo^rself to Remaine their) and to keepe and Defend the said place by force or otherwise, against all p^{rs}ons untill I shall signify my will & pleasure therein, and I Doe hereby Comand you to send me speedy notice from time to time of yo^r p^rceedings herein, that I may take such ord^r about the same as shalbe for his Lo^{pps} Service, and I Doe hereby Comand and Require all p^{rs}ons to yeild all due obedience to you the said Thomas Howell in all thinges apperteyning to the office and Comānd hereby conferred on you as they will answere the Contrary at their perrills and for yo^r proceedings herein this