

Lib. R. R. R. to the provision made by Act of Assembly for Souldiers in actual service, You are also to appoint a Command<sup>r</sup> over the s<sup>d</sup> Souldiers and ffort to take particular and extraordinary care in preserving and defending the same, and in husbanding the Armes, Ammunition, and provisions therein, and in keeping good agreem<sup>t</sup> and ord<sup>r</sup> among the said Soldiers, and among such persons as shall live within or hard by the said ffort, to which Command<sup>r</sup> you are hereby ordered to promise in our name double Souldiers pay for Six moneths, which pay together with the pay of the Souldiers aforesaid shall be ordered in the hands of the Sheriff of Cecil County. In the managem<sup>t</sup> of this affaire be as expeditious and secrett as you cann.

Given under our hand and lesser Seale at Armes this nineteenth day of March 1683:

Coll. Geo: Talbott Com<sup>on</sup> to dispose of Lands in Cecil & Balt. Counties.

Charles &c. To George Talbott Esq<sup>r</sup> Greeteing whereas for Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of all such as were willing to take up and Inhabitt Lands in this our Province of Maryland, Wee granted liberty to all persons of brittish or Irish descent to take out warrants for Land out of our Land Office at S<sup>t</sup> Maries they paying two pounds of Tobacco p Acre for rights, Yett afterwards upon advice of our Councill Wee resolved to advance the price and value of rights to four pounds of Tobacco p Acre: Which now for the greater Ease of persons desireing to take lands up Wee have of our owne motion resolved to abate a fourth part thereof and accept off three pounds of Tobacco p Acre for rights for the time to come, And p. 75 whereas the Inhabitants of our Countyes of Baltemore and Cecil doe live at soe remote a distance from S<sup>t</sup> Maries, that many persons desireing to purchase rights to lay out there, had rather want that benefitt then come or send soe farr for it; In regard of which, and that the people in those remote parts may (as much as in us lyes, to afford) enjoy all the same favours in as full measure and with as much ease as the Inhabitants of our Southern Countyes doe; Wee have thought fitt to constitute, and doe hereby constitute and appoint you the said George Talbott to be by this Commission our Commission<sup>r</sup> for Lands in our Countyes of Baltemore and Cecil, as you are by our former Commission to you of the nineteenth instant, our Commission<sup>r</sup> for New Ireland Delaware and the Whore Kills; hereby requireing and empowering you to grant warrants of survey returneable in a yeares time to all