

tute & Appoint you the said Sr Edmond Andros upon the death of the said Cap^t Francis Nicholson & in the Absence of the said Coll Lionel Copley to be Comander in Chiefe in & ouer our said Province & Territory of Maryland To have hold Exercise & Enjoy the Office and place of Comander in Chiefe of our said Province & Territory of Maryland for & dureing our pleasure, with all the Rights priviledges, profits, And Advantages to the Same belonging and Appertaining in Case of the Death of the said Cap^t Francis Nicholson and Absence of the said Coll Lionel Copley as af^d with full power & Authority to Execute & performe all and Singular the powers & directions Contained in our said Comission to the said Coll Lionel Copley & such Instructions as wee haue already or shall hereafter from time to time send to him And wee hereby Comand all & Singular our Officers, Ministers & Loveing Subjects of our said province & Territory and all others whome it may Concerne to take due Notice hereof & to give their Ready Obedience accordingly Given at our Court at Kensington the Third day of March 1691½ in the ffourth Yeare of our Reigne.

By his Maj^{ties} Comand
Nottingham

The Comission being Read and the Gentlemen of the Councill observeing the words of the said Sr Edmonds Comission to be Contrary as to the Death of Cap^t Francis Nicholson & the Absence of his Ex^{ncy} Coll Copley Offered that as a Reason whether the s^d Sr Edmonds Comission ought to take place or not at w^{ch} Sr Edmond seemeing Uneasey asked where Cap^t Nicholson was, saying he was dead to us; it was thereupon Mooved that it might be Laid before the Assembly for their Opinion therein upon which the said S Edmond Layd the Comission downe on the board & asked whether wee would Submitt to the Kings Comission or not, upon which the Covncill not knowing what Constructions their Maj^{ties} might be pleased to make upon the said Comission & being not well acquainted wth matters of that nature, & for the quiet & Satisfaction of all persons concerned, their Maj^{ties} said Councill after intimacon & Caution to the said Sr Edmond of the uncertainty of the words of his said Comission were for the Reasons afd induced to permitt the said Sr Edmonds Access to this Governm^t whoe accordingly tooke upon him the same, Afterwards Viz^t 26th of September Anno 1693 Message Came from the house of Burgesses & is Expressed in the Journall thereof as ffollows.