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William the Third by the Grace of God King of England
Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the faith, &c^{ca}

To our Trusty and Welbeloved fran: Nicholson Esq^r our
Cap^t Gen: and Govern^r in Cheif of our Province & Territory
of Maryland in America, and to the Govern^r or Commander
in Cheif of our s^d province and Territory for the time being,
Greeting, We do hereby Authorize you to vse the Seal of
th^t our province & Territory Engraven with the Name &
Inscription of us & our late Royall Consort Queen [Mary] of ever
Blessed Memory, ffor Sealing all things whatsoever th^t Shall
pass the Seal of our s^d Province and Territory under your
Govern^t untill we shall give Ord^r for another Seal to be En-
graven with our own Royall Name and Inscription only,
Given at our Co^{rt} at Whitehall the ffourteenth day of March
1694/5 In the Seventh year of our Reign.

By His Majesties Command^r

I. Trenchard

Govern^r of Maryl^d to Use the present }
Seal till another be Ordered. }

The following Letter being Received by his Excellency
from the Govern^r of New York since the sitting of the last
Councill, was Ordered to be Entred in the Councill Book
together with his Excell^s Answer to the said Letter, and are
as follows, Viz^t.

New York March the 28th 1696.

Govern^r of
New Yorks
Letter to his
Excellency.

Sr I take hold of this opportunity (M^r Smith the
Bearer going your way) to put your Ex^{ncy} in mind
of my last of the 19th of ffeb^{ry} past and of the great necessity
there is of giving your assistance according to her late Majes-
ties Letter many of the fforces late come over from the hard-
ship they vndergo having only 8^d New York Money and the
Country where they are Garrisoned laid Waste are ruin so
that I must be necessitated without the assistance of the Quota
to make as great detachm^{ts} of Men in this poor province as
formerly which is a more heavy burden than the pay I do
therefore again make Application to you for Quota and that
the pay of those shall be wanting be transmitted for the ease
of this Province and am S^r

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Yo^r Excell most humble

Servant Ben ffletcher