

execute & performe all and singular the powers & directions Lib. C. B.
contained in their Maj^{ties} Royall Comission & instructions to
the said Copley, by Vertue whereof he did demand in their
Maj^{ties} Names the Governm^t of this their Province and desired
the Opinion of the Board what they have to say thereunto.

Sr Edmond Andros
Comission read
The Comission being Read & duely considered,
they are of Opinion, and doe respectively and dis-
tinctly declare, that the same ought to take place, and
that the Governm^t of this Province doth from henceforth di-
volve vpon his Ex^{ncie} the said Sr Edmond Andros, by Vertue
of the said Comission, which was Ordered to be Recorded in
the Journall of this Board, and is as follows, Viz^t

William R.

Sr Edmond Andros his
Comission
William & Mary by the Grace of God King &
Queen of England, Scotland, ffrence & Ireland defen-
ders of the ffaith &c^a To our trusty & well beloved Sr
Edmond Andros Knight our Lieveten^t & Governo^r Gen^{ll} of our p. 2.
Colony & Dominion of Virginia in America Greeting Whereas
by our Comission under our Great Seale of England beareing
Date the 27th day of June in the third yeare of our Reign Wee
have thought fit to constitute & appoint our Trusty & well
beloved Lion^l Copley Esq^r our Cap^t Gen^{ll} & Governo^r in
Chiefe in & over our Province & Territory of Maryland in
America: And whereas by our Comission vnder our Signet
& Signe Manuall Wee have appointed our Trusty & well be-
loved Cap^t ffancis Nicholson to be our Lieveten^t Govern^t of
our said Province & Territory, Wee reposeing especiall Trust
& confidence in your Loyalty, Courage & Circumspection,
doe by these Presents constitute & appoint you the said Sr
Edmond Andros, upon the death of the said Cap^t ffancis
Nicholson and in the absence of the said Coll Lionel Copley
to be Comander in Chiefe in & over our said Province &
Territory of Maryland, To have, hold, Exercise & Enjoy the
Office & place of Comander in Chiefe of our said Province
and Territory of Maryland for and dureing our pleasure, with
all the Rights, priviledges, profits & advantages to the same
belonging and appertaining in case of the death of the said
Cap^t ffancis Nicholson and absence of the said Coll Lionel
Copley as afores^d with full power and authority to execute &
performe all & singular the powers & directions contained in
our said Comission to the said Coll Lionel Copley & such
instructions as Wee have 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