

Lib. H. D. with the Advice aforesaid shall be thought fit Wee doe further by these presents Will Require and Comand you to take all possible Care for the discountenance of Vice & Encouragement of Virtue and good living that by such Examples the Infidells may be invited & desire to partake of the Christian Religion And Wee doe hereby Require and Comānd all Officers & Ministers Civill & Military and all other Inhabitants of our said Province and Territory to be obedient Ayding and assisting Unto you the said ffrancis Nicholson in the Execucōn of this our Comīssion and of the powers and Authorities therein contained And in Case of your death or absence out of our said Province to be obedient Ayding and assisting vnto such person as shall be Appointed by vs to be Comānder in Cheife To whome Wee doe therefore by these presents Give and Grant all and singular the powers and Authorityes aforesaid to be Executed & Enjoyed by him during our pleasure or vntill your Arrivall within our said Province of Maryland Provided alwayes that Nothing herein Contained shall be Construed or taken to Diminish or alter the powers formerly Granted to our Trusty & well beloved S^r Edmund Andros Knight by our Comīssion Unto him bearing Date the third day of March One thousand six hundred ninety one in the ffourth yeare of our Reigne But that the said S^r Edmund Andros vpon the death or absence from America of you the said ffrancis Nicholson shall take vpon him the Cheife Comānd of our said province and Execute the powers of this our Comīssion as Wee doe hereby likewise Will and Comānd that our Comīssion bearing Date the ffourteenth day of November in the first yeare of our Reigne constituting you our Lieutenant Governor of our Dominion and Colony of Virginia doe Cease & Determine from the Date of these presents Except vpon the Death or absence from America of the said S^r Edmond Andros In which Case Our Will & Pleasure is that you take vpon you the Cheife Comānd of our said Dominion and Execute the Powers of our Comīssion Given to the said S^r Edmund Andros Untill our Pleasure be knowne And if vpon the death or absence of you the said ffrancis Nicholson out of our said Province of Maryland there be noe person Comīssionated or Appointed by vs to be Comānder in Cheife of our said province Our Will and Pleasure is that the then present Councill of that our Province Doe take vpon them the Administracōn of the Governm^t and Execute this Comīssion and the severall powers & Authorityes therein

p. 9 Contained And that the first Councillor whoe shall be at the time of your Death or absence Residing within our Province of Maryland Doe Preside in our said Councill with such powers & preheminences as any former president hath Used