

Give and grant unto our Trusty and well beloved Sr Thomas Lawrence Baronett the Office or ^{Lib. H. D.} place of Secretary of our Province of Maryland in America and him the said Sir Thomas Lawrence Secretary of our Province of Maryland in America We do make Ordeine and Constitute by these presents in the Room of Thomas Lawrence Esq^r deceased; To have hold Exercise and Enjoy the Said Office or place unto the said Sir Thomas Lawrence by himselfe or his Sufficient Deputy during our pleasure and the residence of him the Said Sir Thomas Lawrence in the Said Province together with all Rights Priviledges profitts perquisites and Advantages to the Said Office belonging incident or in any wise appertaining and in Such Manner and forme as the Said Thomas Lawrence or any person or persons heretofore have held and enjoyed or ought to have held & enjoyed the Same And our further will and pleasure is And we do hereby declare That if the Said Sr Thomas Lawrence do not within the Space of four Months next and Imediatly ensuing the Date of these our Letters pattents Transporte himselfe into our Said Province of Maryland That then these our Letters Pattents and every Clause Article and thing therein Contained shall Cease determine and be utterly void to all Intents and Purposes any thing herein before Contained to the Contrary Notwithstanding In Wittness whereof we have Caused these our Letters to be made pattents Wittness Thomas Archbishop of Canterbury and the rest of the guardians and Iustices of the Realm att Westminster the Eleventh day of July in the 13th Year of our Reigne.

Per breve de privato Sigillo
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At a Council held at the Port of Annapolis the eleventh day of October in the twelfth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord William the third of England &c^a Annoq Dni 1700 ^{Lib. X. p. 265}

Present

His Excellency the Governor

the honble { Thomas Brook Esq^r
Robert Smith Esq^r
Col^o John Hammond }

Came Col^o John Thompson & W^m Bladen naval Officers of the head of the Bay & the Port of Annapolis in Company of Captain Philip Hoskins from the Committee for apportioning the publick Levy & made Oath to their several Naval Officers ^{p. 266}
Acco^{ts}

His Excellency is pleased to propose to the Board that whereas there is already a minute upon the Council Book that