

His Excellency communicated to the Board a Paragraph of Lib. W. B. a Letter from the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietor and the Lord Guilford Dated at London September the 19th 1715 Viz.

As to that Part of your first Letter in which You Excuse Yourselfe to my late Lord for transgressing his first Instructions upon acc^t of not giving up Your Government till the King's Pleasure was knowne, is now fully answered by the Commission you have from us with the King's Approbation according to Law & so all the Authority You had from the Commission the Crowne gave you is determined both by that and the Proclamations sent you from hence by the Government

After which his Excellency produced his most sacred Majesty's Royall Instructions under his signe Manual and Privy Seale dated at St James's the first day of July in the first year of his Majesty's Reigne &c. Annoq Dñi 1715

Intituled Orders and Instructions to our Trusty and well beloved Francis Lord Guilford for and on Behalfe of Charles Lord Baltemore of Our Kingdom of Ireland a minor, Proprietor and Govern^r of Our Province of Maryland in America in pursuance of severall Laws relating to the Trade and Navigation of this Our Kingdom of Great Britain and our Colonys and Plantations in America

Part of which Instructions are in the Tenour following viz.

First, You shall give Directions & take special Care that John Hart Esq^r Deputy Governour of Our Province of p. 61 Maryland do in the first Place informe himselfe of the Principal Laws relating to the Plantation Trade, viz. &c.

And further His Excellency produced a Commission from the said Lord Baltemore and the said Lord Guilford his Guardian for and on his Behalfe Dated in London the 30th of May 1715 under their Lordships Hands & Seales, constituting him the said John Hart Esq^r L^t Govn^r of this Province Admirall and Cap^t Generall of all the Forces within the same, which was read in the following Words, Viz.

Charles absolute Lord & Proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. And also Francis Lord Guilford Guardian to the said Charles Lord Baltemore for & on his Behalfe

To John Hart Esq^r Greeting

Whereas His late Majesty King Charles the first of blessed Memory by his Royal Letters Pattents under the Great Seale of England bearing Date the twentyeth day of June in the eighth Year of his Reigne was graciously Pleased to grant