

Councill Proceedings On the Eleventh day of January Anno C. P. Domini, 1716.

Maryland ss.

Att a Councill held at the City of Annapolis in the Province of Maryland on the Eleventh day of January in the third year of the reign of our Sovn Lord King George And in the second of his Lordships the Right hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{rys} Dominion &c. Annoq Dom 1716.

Present

His Excellency John Hart Esq^r Gov^r in Chief &c.

The Hon^{ble} { Col. W^m Coursey } Philemon Lloyd Esq^r }
 { L^t Col. Sam. Young } Col^o Ric^d Tilghman & }
 { John Hall Esq^r } Col^o Thos. Smyth }

John Beard of the City of Annapolis Produces to this board a Comission from his Excellency the Gov^r Comissionateing him to be Clerk to his Lordships Councill within this Province, which is as follows.

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Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ry} of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. To Our Trusty & wellbeloved John Beard of the City of Annapolis in our Province of Maryland Greeting.

Forasmuch as We do repose Speciall Trust and Confidence in your Integrity fidelity skill & Cunning in Clerkship We have thought fitt and do by these p^sents give and grant unto you the said John Beard the Office of Clerk to our Governour & Councill of Maryland hereby Appointing Authorizeing and Impowering You to have hold Exercise & Enjoy the said Office And to take & receive to your own proper use & behoof as well the Sallary usually allowed as also all and Singular other the rights Profitts benefitts and Advantages thereto belonging or in any ways Appertaining in as Ample manner as any of the Clerks to our said Governour and Councill of Maryland have used To have hold exercise receive and enjoy the same, for and dureing our good will & pleasure Wittnesse Our Trusty and welbeloved John Hart Esq^r Our Cap^t Generall and Governour in Chief of our said Province and Territory of Maryland this 12th day of October in the first year of our Dominion &c Annoq Dni 1716.

Jo { The
 great Seale } Hart
 of Maryland }