

Whereon his Excellency is Pleas'd to Observe That the C. P. Reason of his Desiring such a Call (besides his sickness) was, from the many uneasinesses he Received from time to time from the Popish Faction And their Adherents here and Elsewhere.

His Excellency is pleas'd further to Acquaint this Board, that he has his Majestys Royall Lycence for his Absence from the Government of this Province for the Space of Twelve Months, which he lays before them as follows.

[This is Entered at Large in the Councill Proceedings]

Whereupon his Excellency Declares himself, very much Honoured, in having the Leave thereby given for which he is Humbly & Heartily Thankfull to his Majesty.

His Excellency is Pleas'd to lay before this Board, their Lordships Certificate of Lycence to him to be Absent from the Governm<sup>t</sup> of this Province for Twelve Months under their hands & Seales, as foll<sup>t</sup>

[This is Entered at Large in the Councill Proceedings]

His Excellency further lays before this Board their Lordships Instructions to him, which he Received with the Lycence & Letters aforegoing Viz.

Orders and Instructions to be Observed & Pursued by John Hart Esq<sup>r</sup> our Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Governour &<sup>c</sup> of the Province of Maryland: And in his Absence by the first person in our Councill for the time being

Given by us at London this 23<sup>d</sup> day of March Anno Dni 1718.

1: With these Instructions you will receive our Lycence allowing you the said John Hart to come into England for Twelve Months and appointing the Person first named of our Councill dureing Your Absence, or on your Death, to take upon him the Administration of the Government, His Majesty's Permission thereof having been first Obtained in Councill March 19<sup>th</sup> 1718, which with our Lycence and these our Instructions, You shall make known & Publish to the Members of our Councill Solemnly Called together.

2: You shall before you leave the Province which you are to do if Possible sometime within the Space of three Months after the Receipt hereof Appoint Edward Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> the second person named of our Councill Keeper of the Great Seale of the Province giving him a Comission for holding and Executeing the said Office with all the Emoluments thereunto belonging Dureing our Pleasure: And in Case of his Death or Absence out of the Province, or upon his Refusall