

Lib. C. B. Anne by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland
Queen Defender of the Faith &c Anno Dom 1707

His Excellency is pleased with the Advice of this Board to appoint the honourable Col Matthew Tilghman Ward of Talbot to be Major General of all the Militia on the Eastern Shoar and to order Commission to issue to him for that Purpose, in the following Words

Maryland ss.

Samuel Ogle Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland and the Lands Islands and Territories thereto belonging.

p. 64 To the honourable Matthew Tilghman Ward of Talbot County Esq^r Greeting.

Whereas it is thought necessary at this present Juncture to put the Militia of this Province in the best and most useful Posture for the Defence & Security thereof: And for that I have and do repose especial Trust and Confidence in Your Loyalty, Courage, Prudence, Skill and good Conduct I have thought fit and do hereby commissionate you the said Matthew Tilghman Ward to be Major General of all and singular the Forces belonging to the Militia within the six Counties of the Eastern Shoar of this Province, both of Horse and Foot Commanding and requiring the several Colonels and Commanders, and other Subaltern Officers, Soldiers and Troopers of the Militia, to be in all Respects obedient to your Commands and to the End the said Militia may be rendered the most effectually serviceable, and that it may be the better known what Officer or Officers do discharge and execute their Commissions, or otherwise happen to neglect their Duty in training and mustering the several Troops and Companies under their Command according to the Art & Discipline of War; You are as often as you shall judge most convenient, to review the said Militia, and upon their several Appearances diligently to observe how well they shall be appointed, that You may be the better enabled to give me Account thereof And upon any sudden Invasion Incursion or Insurrection you are hereby authorized immediately to summon such Troops and Companies as you shall see fit out of the said several Counties on the Eastern Shoar, and them according to the Art and Discipline of War to command and dispose for the resisting vanquishing and suppressing thereof by all such Ways and Means as you shall think proper for the better Security and Defence of the Province, And further you are to obey and put in Execution

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