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Instructions for Our trusty & Welbeloved Samuel Ogle Esq<sup>r</sup> Deputy Governor of Our Province of Maryland in America, or the Deputy Governor or Commander in Chief of Our said Province for the time being Given at Our Court at S<sup>t</sup> James's the second Day of April 1740 in the thirteenth Year of Our Reign

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Having been called upon by repeated Provocations to declare War against Spain, we are determined, by God's Assistance in so just a Cause, to vindicate the Honour of Our Imperial Crown, to revenge the Injuries done to Our Subjects, to assert their undoubted Rights of Commerce and Navigation, and by all possible Means to attack, annoy and distress a Nation, that has treated Our People with such Insolence and Barbarity

1. We have therefore given Orders for the equipping and setting forth of an Expedition against the Territories of the Catholick King in the West Indies, which will consist of a large Squadron of Our Ships of War, and of a considerable Number of Our Land forces, with a suitable Train of Artillery, Storeships and Transports; The Fleet to be commanded by Our trusty and Welbeloved Edward Vernon Esq<sup>r</sup> Vice Admiral of the Blue Squadron of Our Fleet, and Commander in Chief of Our Ships employed, or to be employed in the West Indies, and the Land forces by Our Right Trusty and Welbeloved Charles Lord Cathcart, Major General of Our Forces, whom We have appointed Our General and Commander in Chief of the said Expedition

We have also determined to raise a Body of Troops in Our Colonies on the Continent of North America, to join Those to be sent from hence at a particular Rendezvous, which will be appointed for that Purpose and to act in Conjunction with them, under the Command of Our said General, in such Dispositions as shall be made for Our Service; And although We have not thought fit to fix any particular Quota for Our Province of Maryland under your Government, because We would not set Bounds to their Zeal for Our Service, yet considering the great Number of Inhabitants in Our said Province, and that they have of late Years been much increased, We doubt not in the least but they will exert themselves upon this Occasion, as far as the Circumstances of the Colony will allow, being assured, they cannot render a more acceptable Service to Us, and to their Mother Country, or do any thing more essential for their own Interest

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2. It is Our Will and Pleasure, that you do, with the utmost Zeal and Diligence, promote and encourage so necessary a