

Lib. J. R. of State, as you are at all times hereafter during your Resi-  
 & U. S. dence as our Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in Our  
 said Province to Transmit to and Inform me of all such  
 Vacancy or Vacancys with the Name or Names of such Per-  
 son & Persons who shall be Proposed and as you shall think  
 most fit to Succeed in our said Council; and you are not to  
 fill up such Vacancy or Vacancys until you have received  
 either my Commission or Approbation of the Person and  
 Persons to be Appointed on such vacancy or vacancys to  
 become a Member or Members of Our said Council of State.  
 But whenever the Number of our said Council of State by  
 death or Absence shall be Reduced to or below the Number of  
 Six you are then at Liberty to Nominate and Appoint any  
 Member or Members of our said Council of State so as to  
 keep up the Number of seven Councillors Resident in our  
 said Province Reserving a Power to me either to approve or  
 disapprove of such your Nomination and Appointment, and  
 in your Choice and Nomination of the Members of Our said  
 Council, as also of our officers Judges, Assistants, justices,  
 Sheriffs you are always to take Care that they be men of  
 Good Life and well Affected to Our Church and State as by  
 Law is Established to our Government, and of Good Estates  
 and Abilities, and not necessitous Persons or much in debt.  
 You ar neither to Augment or diminish the Number of our  
 said Council, as it is already established; and you are to  
 Signify my Pleasure to the Members of our said Council that  
 if any of them shall hereafter absent themselves from our  
 said Province, and continue absent above the Space of Twelve  
 Months together without leave from you or from the Gov-  
 ernor or Commander in Chief for the time being first ob-  
 tained or shall Remain absent for the Space of two years or  
 the greater part thereof Successively without our leave given  
 them under our Seal at Arms their Place or Places in our  
 said Council shall be immediately thereupon Void and We  
 will appoint forthwith others in their Stead

4. You must Strictly Act consonant to my Royal Charter  
 from King Charles the first, Grant by his said Majesty to my  
 Noble Ancestor Cecilius Lord Proprietary, and Lord Baron  
 of Baltimore you are to uphold and maintain the said Char-  
 ters Royal Prerogatives Rights Powers and Authorities so  
 Granted to the Reserving and well being of my Just Rights  
 and the True good Rule of my Government both in Church  
 & State as by Law Established doing equal and Impartial  
 Justice unto all Persons his Most Sacred Majestys Subjects  
 and my Faithful Tenants, committed by my Powers to your  
 Care