

great Satisfaction it gives me that his Majesty has done me the Honour to Shew this his repeated Approbation of my Choice of you for my Governor of my Province of Maryland by Granting you his own immediate Commission as an Officer fit and proper to be employed in so great & National undertaking, and out of the regard I have for you and from a Sincere Inclination to promote your welfare, I do hereby Signify my desire, that you do forthwith proceed to pay all due and punctual Obedience to his Majestys Royal Commission according to the Tenor and true Intent and meaning thereof, and in Case his Majestys Service in consequence of the said Commission shall require your Temporary Absence from my said Province I do further Declare my free leave and Assent thereto, and that such your Absence from my said Province in Obedience to his Majestys said Commission shall not in any respect invalidate your Commission as my Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Provided, that you return to my said Province to resume the Government thereof when and as often as his Majestys Service shall permit you so to do. And it is my further Will and Pleasure that during your Absence out of the Province upon this Great necessary and National Service, the Powers of Government over my Province of Maryland be exercised by the President or Senior Member for the time being of my Council whom you are to Authorize and Commissionate for that purpose, when and as the same shall become necessary agreeable to the Instructions already Received or which shall hereafter be received from me. And I do hereby require you forthwith to Signifie or Cause to be Signified to the Council of State and to both houses of Assembly within my said Province of Maryland as well the Royal Commission with which his Majesty has been most graciously pleased to invest you upon this Important Service as this my Leave of Absence hereby Granted to you from my said Province, And in a more particular manner I do require and enjoin you that you do in the most Serious & earnest manner recommend it to the Good People of my said Province, That they do in furtherance of his Majestys Royal Intentions, and in manifestation of their own just Abhorrence and Resentment at the unprovoked Insults & Attempts of the Invaders, most heartily co-operate with his Majesty & their Neighbouring Governments by Granting such effectual Supplys and prosecuting such vigorous Measures against the common Enemy as shall demonstrate to all future ages the distinguished Zeal and Loyalty of this my Province of Maryland to their Sovereign and the Cause of their Country. Given at London under our hand and Greater Seal at Arms this Sixth day of July in the

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