

Lib. J. R. The following Commission is ordered to be here Entered
& U. S. F. Baltimore

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon in America Lord Baron of Baltimore of the Kingdom of Ireland To Our trusty and wel-beloved Benjamin Tasker George Plater Edmund Jenings Charles Hammond Samuel Chamberlain Philip Thomas Daniel Dulany Edward Lloyd Benjamin Young Benjamin Tasker jun. Richard Lee and Benedict Calvert Esq^{rs} Greeting Know ye that We reposing Special Trust and Confidence in Your Wisdom diligence and Experience have Assigned and appointed you jointly and Every of you Severally to be our Privy Council of State within our said Province of Maryland, and We do hereby Give unto you and Every of you full Power and Authority from time to time and at all times here after untill We or Our heirs shall Signifie Our or their Pleasure to the Contrary to Assemble and Meet together with our Lieutenant or Chief Governor of Our said Province for the time being when and where he shall from time to time direct and Appoint to Treat Council deliberate and Advise of all Matters Causes and things which shall be discovered unto you or brought before you as well concerning the quiet Government of the People of Our said Province as of the Good and Safety thereof Witness my hand and Great Seal at Arms. Given at London this Seventeenth day of March in the Second year of Our Dominion and in the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & fifty three.

By his Lordships Command
Cecil^s Calvert Secret^{ry}

On the Back of which Commission was this Endorced Entered in the Office of the honourable Cecilius Calvert Esq^r Secretary of the Province of Maryland in America, residing in England

Harman Verelst Assistant

p. 6 His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Instructions

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon in America Lord Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland. Orders and Instructions Powers and Authorities to be observed and Persued by our Trusty and welbeloved Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Our Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of Our Province of Maryland.