

At a Council held in the Council Chamber, on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the Nineteenth Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Anno Domini 1769. Lib. C. B.  
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Present

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor.

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Walter Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup>

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John Beale Bordley Esq<sup>r</sup>

John Ridout Esq<sup>r</sup>

George Steuart Esq<sup>r</sup>

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Instructions which were Ordered to be Entered

George R.

Orders and Instructions to Our Right Trusty and well beloved Frederick Lord Baltimore of Our Kingdom of Ireland, Lord Proprietary of Our Province of Maryland in America; in pursuance of several Laws relating to the Trade and Navigation of this Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and Our Colonies and Plantations in America. Given at Our Court at Saint James's the Thirtieth day of November 1768. In the Ninth Year of Our Reign.

First. You shall give Directions, and take especial Care, that Robert Eden Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Maryland in America, do, in the first place inform himself of the Principal Laws relating to the Plantation Trade, and take a Solemn Oath to do his Utmost, that all the Clauses Matters and Things contained in all Acts of Parliament now in Force or that hereafter shall be made, relating to Our Colonies or Plantations, be punctually and bona fide observed according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

2. And whereas by an Act made in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> years of King William the Third, intituled An Act for preventing Fraud and regulating Abuses in the Plantation "Trade" the Officers appointed for Performance of certain things mentioned in an Act passed in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of King Charles the Second intituled, "An Act for the Encouragement of Trade," commonly known by the Name of the Naval Officers, are to give Security to the Commissioners of Our Customs in Great Britain for the time being or such as shall be appointed by them for Our Use, for the true and faithful Performance of their Duty, He, the said Robert Eden, shall