

L. H. J. the Publick Service upon this Occasion you will be best able to
 Liber No. 48 Settle with him a proper plan of Operation in the Excecution whereof
 December 12 I most Heartily wish you all Possible Success and I do not Doubt
 but that you will Carry on his Majesty's Measures in a manner
 Agreeable to his Royal Expectations I am

Sir your most Obedient
 Humble Servant
 T Robinson.

F Baltimore. Frederick Absolute Lord & proprietor of the
 province of Maryland and Avalon in America and Barron of Balte-
 more in the Kingdom of Ireland To Our Trusty and well beloved
 Horatio Sharpe Esq.^r Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of our
 said province of Maryland Greeting Whereas his Majesty from the
 Great Confidence he has in your Military Skill and Abilities has
 thought it for the publick Service to Constitute and Appoint you
 Lieutenant Colonel of the forces Intended to be sent Against the
 Forces who have Invaded his Majestys Dominions in the Province of
 Virginia and other parts of America and I being Desirous to further
 such his Majestys Royal Intention and to do all in my power to Op-
 pose and Repel the Common Enemy and to Express the Great Satis-
 faction 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 Provinces of Maryland by Granting you his Own Immediate
 Commission as an Officer fit and proper to be employed in so Great
 and National an 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 Re-
 quire your Temporary Absence from my said Province I do further
 Declare my free Leave and Assent thereto and that such your Ab-
 sence from my said Province in Obedience to his Majestys said Com-
 mission 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 Govern-
 ment 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 Signify or Cause to be signified
 to the Council of State and to both Houses of Assembly within my