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INSTRUCTIONS OF FREDERICK, LORD BALTIMORE,  
TO GOVERNOR HORATIO SHARPE IN REGARD  
TO ORDINARY LICENSES, 1766

[THE LORD PROPRIETARY HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1765, DIRECTING GOVERNOR SHARPE TO REFUSE HIS ASSENT TO ANY ASSEMBLY BILL WHICH INVADED WHAT HE CALLED HIS SOLE RIGHT TO GRANT ALL LICENSES AND TO ALL FEES, FINES, PENALTIES, AND FORFEITURES DERIVED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, UNLESS AN EIGHTEEN-MONTHS' SUSPENDING CLAUSE WERE INSERTED IN THE ACT. THESE ARE LATER INSTRUCTIONS, DATED AUGUST 15, 1766, TO REVOKE THOSE OF FEBRUARY 7, 1765, IN WHICH THE PROPRIETARY DECLARES THAT THE ADDRESS OF THE UPPER HOUSE TO HIM, DATED MAY 27, 1766, HAVING GIVEN ITS OPINION THAT HE WAS NOT ENTITLED, UNDER HIS PREROGATORY, TO SUCH LICENSES, HE NOW REVOKES HIS FORMER INSTRUCTIONS AND DIRECTS THAT THE UPPER HOUSE PROCEED IN THIS MATTER AS IN ITS DISCRETION SEEMS FIT. SEE PAGES ciii-civ.]

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Avalon  
and Maryland in America Lord Baron of Baltimore in the  
Kingdom of Ireland

## F. Baltimore

To Our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq.<sup>r</sup>  
Our Lieut.<sup>t</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our  
Province of Maryland aforesaid

Whereas we Did by our Instruction bearing date the Seventh day of Feb.<sup>ry</sup> in the Fourteenth year of our Dominion and in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Five Enjoyn and Require you not to Signify your Assent to any Bill to be sent you from both or either of the Houses of Assembly of our said Province whereby Our sole Right and Priviledge of Granting Ordinary Licences or any other Licences whatsoever within our said Province in such manner as we sh.<sup>d</sup> think fitting sh.<sup>d</sup> or might be in any wise Invaded Impeached or otherwise drawn into Question or whereby any Appropriation Appointment or Disposition sh.<sup>d</sup> or might be made of the Dutys Fines Penaltys and Forfeitures arising or to arise from such Ordinary Licences or other Licences whatsoever at any time theretofore Granted or thereafter to be Granted within our said Province otherwise than to our proper use and benefit or to or for such Uses Intents and purposes to which we sh.<sup>d</sup> have Signified to you or our said Assembly our previous Assent and pleasure or

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