

and well beloved councellor major Nicholas Sewall, and our trusty and well beloved councellor John Darnall Esq. to be of our especial and select councill for us and in our name to heare and determine all matters relating to lands as shall be duely brought before them by any the inhabitants of our said province, our others sueing for acts of grace and favour therein: hereby also ordaining that they the said colonel Henry Darnall, colonel William Digges, major Nicholas Sewall, and John Darnall Esq. or any three of them shall be a sufficient and compleate councill for the hearing and determining the matters aforesaid. Giveing and granting hereby unto the said colonel Henry Darnall, colonel William Digges, major Nicholas Sewall, and John Darnall Esq. or any three of them as aforesaid full power and authority to sitt and hold councill when, where, and as often as to them shall seemeete for the end and purpose aforesaid, and to grant to the inhabitants of our said Province and other suitors in such cases, such favours benefits and priviledges as have been usually given and condended unto by us in councill, according to such orders instructions and directions as We have already given or shall hereafter think fitt and necessary to give unto them: Hereby ratifying confirming and allowing for firme good and valid whatsoever shall be done or granted by our said councill pursuant to their said instructions, as fully amply and largely to all intents and purposes as if immediately done by Ourself or that Wee were personally present at the doing thereof. This commission to countinue for and dureing our pleasure: Witness ourself at Mattapony Sewall this fifth day of May in the ninth year of our dominion &c. Annoque Domini one thousand six hundred eighty and foure.

LIBER R. R. R. fol. 93.

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*Instructions for the Land Council.*

“ C. BALTEMORE.

“ Instructions powers and authorities given by the right honourable Charles lord Baltemore lord proprietary of this province &c. to the honourable colonel Henry Darnall, colonel William Digges, major Nicholas Sewall, and John Darnall Esq. councellers particularly and especially appointed and assigned for the hearing and determining all matters and things for and concerning lands (viz.)

*Imprimis.* Lands escheatable for want of heirs, non payment of rent, or otherwise, at the request, costs and charges of any person or persons suitor or suitors in that behalf adjudged and condemned unto us in due forme of law, you may and have hereby full power and authority for us and in our