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William and Mary by the Grant of God of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the faith or to our Trustee and well beloved Sir Edmund Andros Knight our Lieutenant and Governour of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in America Granting likewise by our Commission under our Great Seals of England bearing date the twentieth day of June in the third year of our reign. We have thought fit to constitute and appoint our Trustee and well beloved Sir Lionel Copley our Capt. Genl. Governour in Chief in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland in America and whereas by our Commission and our Signet and Signet Manual we have appointed our Trustee and well beloved Sir Francis Nicholson to be our Lieutenant Governour of our said Province and Territory We respecting Special Trust and confidence in y<sup>e</sup> Loyalty Courage and Intrepidity shew by these Special Constitutions and appoint you the said Sir Francis Nicholson upon the death of the said Sir Lionel Copley to be our Lieutenant Governour in Chief of our said Province and Territory of Maryland and during our pleasure with all the Rights privileges profits and Advantages to y<sup>e</sup> same belonging & appertaining in Case of the death of the said Sir Francis Nicholson past present or future said Sir Lionel Copley or after with full power and Authority to execute and perform all and singular the powers and Directions contained in our said Commission to y<sup>e</sup> said Sir Lionel Copley & such Instructions as We have already or shall hereafter from time to time send to him And wee have by Command all and singular our Officers Ministers & Learning Subjects of our said Province & Territory & all other whom it may concern to take Due Notice hereof and to give their ready obedience according to the tenor of our said Commission the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1692 in y<sup>e</sup> fourth year of His Majesty's reign

By his Majesty's Command  
 Wm. Denton  
 Secy.

Recorded in the Journal of the Council Book according to Ord. Genl. Denton the Council

By the Council the Governour & Council  
 Ordered that an Order of the Governour & Council bearing date the Sixteenth of May Anno 1693 relating to the invalidating the Oath of one Susanna Denton wife to Samuel Denton of Ann Arundell County do totally and for ever set aside & be made void so that by means of any thing in the said Order contained she do not be rendered incapable of standing for Oath taken in any Court or before any Justice within this Province.  
 Signed by Order Wm. Denton the Council