

as shall respect thereto and for the Benefit of us our heirs and Successors which said Laws Statutes and Ordinances are to be as near as may be agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this our Kingdom of England Provide that all such Laws Statutes and Ordinances of what Nature or Duration soever be within three Months or sooner after the making thereof transmitted unto us under Our Seals of Maryland for our Approbation or Disallowance of the same as all the Duplicates thereof by the next Conveyance or if it shall happen that during this kind of Warre the Shipping shall come from our said Province within three Months after the making such Laws Statutes and Ordinances whereby the same may be transmitted as aforesaid that then the said Laws Statutes and Ordinances be transmitted to us by the next Conveyance after the making thereof for an Approbation or Disallowance of the same And in case any or all of them being not before us signed by us shall at any time be disallowed and not approved and soe signified by us our heirs and Successors under our or their Sign Manual and Signet or by our or their Privy Council unto the said Francis Nicholson or to the Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being then such and soe many of them as shall be soe disallowed and not approved shall from hence forth cease Determined and be void utterly void and of no effect anything to the contrary thereof notwithstanding and to the due nothing may be said or done by our said Council or Assembly to the prejudice of us our heirs or Successors Wee will and Ordain that you the said Francis Nicholson have and enjoy all the full and sole power and Authority that you the said Francis Nicholson have and enjoy of us our heirs or Successors in the making and passing all Laws Statutes and Ordinances as aforesaid and that you shall and may likewise from time to time as you shall judge it necessary adjourn Prorogue and Dissolve all our Assemblies as aforesaid And our will and Pleasure is that you shall and may keep and use the Publick Seals appointed or to be appointed or to be appointed by us for our Province of Maryland And wee doe further give and Grant unto you the said Francis Nicholson full power and Authority from time to time and at any time hereafter by yourself or by any other to be authorized by you in that behalf to administer and give the Oathes appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy to all and every such Person or persons as you shall think fit who shall at any time or times pass into our said Province or shall be resident or abiding there Wee doe further give and Grant unto you full and Authority with the advice and Consent of our said Council to send Constables and Appoynt and Establish such and soe many Courts of Judicature and Substituted Justice within our said Province and Territory under your Government as you and they shall think fit and necessary for the hearing and Determining of all Causes as well Criminal as Civil according to Law and Equity and for Awarding Execution thereupon with all such other necessary Powers Authorities Fees Privileges belonging unto them as all the to appoynt and Commissions on the said Officers in the several parts of your Government to administer the Oathes appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Oathes unto such as shall be obliged to take the same And wee doe hereby authorize and empower you to Constables and Appoynt Judges Justices of the Peace and other necessary Officers and Ministers in our said Province for the better Administration of Justice and putting the Laws in Execution and to administer to them such Oathes or Oathes as are usually given forth our Execution and Enforcement of Officers and places And for the clearing of such in Judiciall Causes wee doe further by these presents will and require you to direct Appeals to be made in Cases of Error from our Court in Maryland unto our Court and Council in Great

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