Parliament made in the twenty fifth year of the Reigne of King Charles the Second intitled an act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants together with an oath for the due execution of the offices and trust of our Capt. Generall and Governour in Chief in and over our said Province and territories of Maryland as well with regard to his equitable and impartial administration of Justice in the said Province as unto the Rights and Liberties of the people of the said Province and to take and receive the oaths required to be taken by the Governours of Plantations to the utmost of his power according to the Laws relating to the Plantations and observed also with our Council in the said Province or any three of the members thereof have hereby full power and authority and are required to administer unto you, you shall administer to each of the members of our said Council as well the oaths appointed by act of Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and the oaths mentioned in the said act intitled an act to declare the alteration of the oaths appointed to be taken by the act intitled an act for the further security of his Matties Person and the succession of the Crown in the protestant line and for the extinguishing the hopes of the pretended prince of Wales and all other pretenders and their open secret abettors and for declaring the association to be determined as the forementioned oath and the oaths for their due execution of their places and trust. And we do hereby give and grant unto you full power and authority to suspend any of the members of our said Council from sitting voting or assisting therein if you shall find just cause for so doing. And if it shall at any time happen that by the death departure out of our said province, suspension of any of our said Councellors or otherwise there shall be a vacancy in the said Council (any three or more of them being hereby empowered to be a Quorum) you are to signify the same unto us by the first opportunity that we may under our Signet and Signe Manual constitute and appoint others in their stead. But that our affairs at that distance may not suffer for want of a due number of Councellors it could happen that there be not more than nine of the said Councellors residing in our said province We do hereby give and grant unto you the said John Seymour full power and authority to choose as many fitt and able persons out of the principall freeholders in Maryland as will make up the full number of our said Council (or since

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