

of the pretended prince of wales and all other pretenders and
 their open and secret Abettors and for declaring the said
 to be determined, It is also to cause them to make and subscribe
 the forementioned declaration and to administer to them
 the Oath for the due Execution of their oaths and trust
 And wee do hereby give and grant unto you full power
 Authority to suspend any of the members of our said Council
 from sitting Voting and 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 or suspension
 of any of our said Council or otherwise there shall be a vacancy
 in our said Council, any three whereof wee do hereby appoint
 to be a Quorum **Our will** and pleasure is that you signify
 the same unto us by the first opportunity that we may have
 our Signet and Signe Manuall Constituted and appoint others
 in their stead, but that our Affairs at that distance may
 not suffer for want of a due number of Councillors, if how-
 it shall so happen that there be less then nine of them
 Residing in our said Province wee do hereby give and grant
 unto you the said John Hall full power and Authority to Choose
 as many out of the principall freeholders inhabitants thereof
 as will make up the full number of our said Council to be
 nine and no more which persons so Chosen and appointed by
 you shall be to all intents and purposes Councillors in our
 said province untill either they shall be Confirmed by us or that
 by the nomination of others by us under our Signe Manuall
 and Signet our said Council shall have nine or more persons
 And wee do hereby give and grant unto you full power and
 Authority with the advice and Consent of our said Council
 from time to time as need shall require to Summon and
 Call General Assemblies of the said freeholders and planters
 within your Government according to the Usage of our
 province and Territories of Maryland And our will
 and pleasure is that the persons thereupon duly
 elected by the major part of the freeholders of the
 Respective Countys and places and so returned shall
 before their sitting take the Oath appointed by act of
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