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My of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon in America and Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland To our Trusty and well beloved Brother Robert Eden Esquire and to all others to whom these Presents shall come or may any way concern Greeting Know Ye That for and in Consideration of our Regard and Affection which we bear to you the said Robert Eden and Reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Loyally Judicious Conduct and Fidelity We have Nominated Constituted and Appointed and with the Approbation of his most Sacred Majesty King George the third Do by these Presents Nominated Constitute and Appoint you our said Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden Lieutenant Governor and Chief Governor of the said Provinces of Maryland and Avalon in America and also Commander in Chief both by Sea and Land of all the Forces raised or to be raised within the Limits of the said Provinces or the Islands Territories and Dominions therunto belonging and over all such Forces to Appoint proper Officers and them to Remove and Displace at your Will and Pleasure And further We do by these Presents Impower and Authorise you our said Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden to call and Summon any General Assembly or Assemblies and them to Prorogue or Dissolve at Your own will and pleasure and likewise in our Name but with the Advice and Consent of the Council and the Delegates of the Freemen in the said Provinces in Assembly Convened to make and Enact such Laws as you and they shall think convenient for the Good Government of the Inhabitants in the said Provinces as likewise to repeal or alter any Law or Laws whatsoever already Enacted in the said Provinces as you with the Advice and Consent aforesaid shall think fit and Expedient Provided that such Laws so to be made and Enacted be not repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain nor destructive or Infringing of the Prerogative Royal granted to the Lord Proprietary of the said Provinces All which Laws you are hereby required to Transmit to us for our Confirmation or Disallowance of them And We do further by these Presents grant full Power and Authority to you our said Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden to Exercise Execute and put in Practice all and every other Power or Powers Jurisdictions and Authorities whatsoever granted in and by the Letters Patents of his late Majesty King Charles the first of Blessed Memory unto the Right honourable Cecilius Calvert Baron of Baltimore his heirs and Assigns in as ample a manner as if We were there personally present and generally to do Execute and perform all manner of Matters and things necessary for the good Order Government Administration and Execution of Justice the Maintenance of the just Rights and Prerogatives of the Lord Proprietary of the said Provinces and for the Defense Peace and Preservation of the said Provinces and the Inhabitants thereof To have and to hold the said Offices Stations and Powers with all and singular the Rights Emoluments and Priviledges therunto belonging and Appertaining during our Pleasure Observing Nevertheless and performing such Orders and Instructions as We from Time to Time shall send to You our Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden Provided also that nothing herebefore contained shall be Deemed Construed or taken to Extend or give any Power or Authority to You the said Robert Eden to Do Suffer or Acquiesce in or agree unto any thing by means or reason whereof We the said Lord Proprietary or our heirs may be Impeached Hurt or prejudiced in our and their Royalties Jurisdictions Rights Titles Property or Interest of us and to the said Provinces or any part thereof any thing herebefore contained to the contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding And lastly We do by these Presents strictly Command and Require all persons of what Degree and