

the Consent of the freemen of this Province by their severall delegates and representatives by them freely nominated chosen & elected to serve for their severall Cities & Counties in a Generall Assembly and for as much as the safest & best rule for this Province to follow in electing such Delegates & representatives is the precedent of the Proceedings in Parliament in England as near as the Constitution of this Province will admit the Delegates of this present Generall Assembly doe humbly pray that it may be enacted and Bee it enacted by the Right Hon: the Lord Proprietarij by and with the advice and Consent of the upper and lower houses of this present Generall Assembly and the Authority of the same That for the future when as often as his Lordshipp the Lord Proprietarij his heires and Successors his or their Lieutenant & Chief Governour for the time being shall upon any accident & urgent affairs of this Province thinke it fitt & convenient to call & convene an Assembly and to send out writts for the Election of Burgesses & Delegates to serve in such Assembly the forms of the said writt shall be as followeth V: Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore To the Sheriffs of A: Greeting this is to Authorise and Require you immediately upon Receipt hereof to call together four or more of the Commissioners of your County with the Clerks who are hereby required to sit as a Court and during their sitting by vertue of your office to make or cause to be made publick Proclamation thereby giving notice to all the freemen of your said County who have within your said County a freehold of fifty Acres of Land or a visible personall Estate of forty pounds Sterling at least Requiring them to appear at the next County Court to be holden for your County at a certaine day within a Reasonable time after such Proclamation made for the electing & choosing of Deputies and Delegates to serve for your County in a Generall Assembly to be holden at the City of St. Marys the _____ day of _____ at which time of Proclamation aforesaid the said freemen soe Required to appear or the Major part of such of them as shall then appear shall and may and are hereby Authorized and Required to elect and chuse four severall sufficient freemen of your County each of them having a freehold of fifty Acres of Land or a visible personall Estate of forty pounds Sterling at least within your County and you shall give Authority to each of them severally and respectively by four severall and respective Indentures under their hands and Seals to be Deputy or Delegates for your County and to appear and serve as Deputy or Delegates for your County at the said next Generall Assembly to doe and Consent to those things which then by the favour of God shall there happen to be ordained by the Lord Proprietarij by the advice and Consent of the great Council of this Province concerning such occasions and affairs as shall relate to the Government State and defence of this Province but woe will not in any case that you or any other Sheriffs in our said Province be elected which said Indentures shall be betwixen you the Sheriffs of the one part and the said freemen electing on the other part and shall beare date the same day upon which the said Election shall be made and shall mention the time and place of such Election

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