

appoint and establish any Judges and Justices, Magistrates and Officers whatsoever, at Sea and Land, for what Cause soever, and with what Power soever, and in such form, as to the said now *Lord Baltimore*, or his Heirs shall seem most convenient; also, to Remit, Release, Pardon and Abolish, whether before Judgment or after, all Crimes or Offences whatsoever, against the said Laws; and to do all and every other Thing or Things, which unto the compleat Establishment of Justice, unto Courts, Prætories, and Tribunals, Forms of Judicature, and Manners of Proceedings do belong, altho', in these Presents, express mention be not made thereof; and by Judges by them Delegated, to award Process, hold Pleas, and Determine in all the said Courts and Tribunals, all Actions, Suits and Causes whatsoever, as well Criminal, as Civil, Personal, Real, Mixt and Prætorial; which Laws, so as aforesaid to be Published, Our Pleasure is, and so We Enjoyn, Require and Command, shall be most Absolute and Available in Law; and that all the Liege People and Subjects, of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do observe and keep the same inviolably, in those parts, so far as they concern them, under the Pains therein expressed, or to be expressed. *Provided Nevertheless*, That the said Laws be consonant to Reason, and be not Repugnant or Contrary, but *as near as conveniently may be*, agreeable to the Laws, Statutes, Customs and Rights of this our Kingdom of *England*.

—AND forasmuch as, in the Government of so great a Province, sudden Accidents do often happen, whereunto it will be necessary to apply a Remedy, before the Free-holders of the said Province, their Delegates or Deputies, can be assembled to the making of Laws, neither will it be convenient, that instantly, upon every such emergent Occasion, so great a Multitude should be called together, *Therefore*, for the better Government of the said Province, We Will and Ordain, and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Do grant unto the said now *Lord Baltimore*, and his Heirs, that he the said now *Lord Baltimore*, and his Heirs, by themselves, or by their Magistrates and Officers, in that behalf duly to be Ordained, as aforesaid, may make and constitute fit and wholesome Ordinances, from Time to Time, within the said Province, to be kept and observed, as well for the Preservation of the Peace, as for the better Government of the People there Inhabiting, and publickly to notify the same to all Persons, whom the same doth, or any way may concern; which Ordinances, Our Pleasure is, shall be observed inviolably within the said Province, under the Pains therein to be expressed, so as the said Ordinances be consonant to Reason, and be not Repugnant nor Contrary, but so far as conveniently may be, agreeable with the Laws and Statutes of our Kingdom of *England*, and so as the said Ordinances be not extended, in any sort, to bind, charge or take away the *Right or Interest of any Person, or Persons, of, or in their Life, Member, Freehold, Goods or Chattels*.

Furthermore, That this new Colony may the more happily Increase by the Multitude of People resorting thither, and may likewise be the more strongly Defended from the Incursions of Savages, or other Enemies, Pyrates and Robbers; Therefore We, for Us, Our Heirs and

Successors,

*his wife's name into the Charter - Her name
Maria in several branches of my notes*