

Additional orders & Instructions to our Trusty &  
well Belov'd Tho: Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> our Lieutenant  
Governour of our Province of Maryland

As nothing can be more certain, than  
that a due weight and Authority is necessary in all  
Governments

I must require you to be very carefully  
not to give 4<sup>th</sup> Assent to any Law, or do any other  
Act, that may in any Manner weaken the Power &  
Authority of the Government in Maryland, the due  
Support of which is as necessary for the Welfare & Prosperity  
of the people, as for my own particular Interest, should  
Mistaken or popular Notions may be advanced on this  
Head

And particularly you must not allow  
any Alterations to be made in the Appize Law, pass'd  
by the Late Governour, or to the Lessening of the Power of  
the Judges, nor must you pass down that Law, unless  
the Lower house pass'd a Bill for a pence for  
for Armes & Ammunition in the usual Manner

And whereas the Upper house, for some  
time past, before the Arrival in Maryland, thought  
it reasonable to withhold several other Bills till the  
for a pence for Armes & should pass in the Lower  
House, you are required for the future not to pass any  
of the said Bills without that for Armes & in the usual  
Manner, that so necessary a Bill for the safety & defence  
of the Province, & others desired by the Lower house