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to or below the Number of six, you are then at Liberty to nominate and appoint any member or members of our said Council of state, so as to keep up the Number of Seven Councillors Resident in our said Province, reserving a Power to me either to approve or disapprove of such your nomination and Appointment; And in your choice and nomination of the members of our said Council, as also of our Officers, Judges, Assistants, Justices, Sheriffs; You are always to take care, that they be men of good life and well affected to our church and state as by Law is established to our Government, and of good Estates and Abilities, and not necessitous Persons or much in Debt. — You are neither to augment or diminish the number of our said Council as it is already Established, and you are to signify my Pleasure to the members of our said Council, that if any of them shall hereafter absent themselves from our said Province, and continue absent above the space of twelve months together, without leave from you or from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being first obtained, or shall remain absent for the space of two Years or the greater part thereof successively without our leave given them under our Seal at Arms, their Place or Places in our said Council shall be immediately thereupon void; and we will appoint forthwith others in their stead.

You must strictly act consonant to my Royal Charter from King Charles the First granted by His said Majesty to my noble Ancestor Cecilius Lord Proprietary, and Lord Baron of Baltimore. You are to uphold and maintain the said Charter's Royal Prerogatives Rights Powers and Authorities so granted, to the reserving and well-being of my just Rights and the true good Rule of my Government, Both in Church and State, as by Law Established; doing equal and impartial Justice unto all Persons, His most sacred Majesty's Subjects, and my Faithfull Tenants, committed by my Powers to your care.