

In case of Your Death or Absence from our said Province, and in case there be at any time no Person upon the Place commissioned or appointed by me to be my Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief; The Eldest Councillor whose name is first placed in my Commission appointing the Council of State in Maryland, and who shall be at the time of Your Death or Absence, residing within our said Province of Maryland, shall take upon him the Administration of the Government; and execute my said Commission and Instructions and the several Powers and Authorities therein contained in the manner thereby directed, But it is nevertheless my Express will and Pleasure, that in such case the said President shall for bear to Pass any Acts, except what are immediately necessary for the Peace and welfare of our said Province, without my Particular order for that Purpose.

You are to cause these our Instructions on Your arrival at Maryland, to be Entered in the Council Books of our said Province

Given under our Hand and lesser Seal at Armes at London. This seventeenth day of March in the second year of our Lord 1753.

F. B.

By His Lordship's Command.

Cecil: Calvert Secy.