

in the County of Baltimore sufficiently provided with Arms & Ammu-
tion and them to Train. Muster and Exercise in the Art of War, &
from the said County of Baltimore to lead them away unto the said
County of Worcester and there by Force or otherwise to Surprize and
take and possess the said place called the Horse Past and the said
County of Worcester and the same to keep and defend for the use of the
said Lord Proprietary and in case of any Resistance by any Enemy or
Enemies the said Enemy or Enemies to Fight with Overcome Kill Destroy
and Vanquish as Occasion shall require And I do hereby empower you
to press such Men not exceeding the Number of Forty in the said
County of Baltimore as you shall judge fit for such a design and
also to press all such Arms and Ammunition Provision and Stores neces-
sary for the Accommodation of your self Officers and Soldiers and in
case of any Rebellion Tumult or Sedition of any of your Soldiers then
I do hereby empower you to proceed against them according to
Martial Law and I do also hereby Impower you to make and
Constitute such and so many Officers Military under you for Comman-
ding the said party as to you shall seem meet and if it shall so
happen (as I do not in the least doubt) that you shall win the said
Place by Assault Surprize or otherwise then to proceed with such Enemy
or Enemies that shall Resist and Oppose you either according to Martial
Law or otherwise as you shall think fit and the Emergency of the
Occasion shall require and the said Place when taken to Command
your self or Depute such Officer or Officers for the same as you can
Confide in / If you cannot conveniently stay your self / to remain there
and to keep and defend the said place by Force or otherwise against
all persons until I shall signify my Will and pleasure therein and
I do hereby Command you to send me speedy Notice from Time to
Time of your Proceedings herein that I may take such Order about
the same as shall be for His Majesty's Service and I do hereby
require and Command all persons to give all due Obedience to you
the said Thomas Howell in all things appertaining to the Office and
Command hereby Computed in as they will answer the Consequences