

parts of Our Province of Maryland and contained within the Bounds thereof as appears by Our Charter and Wrongfully detained from Us by William Penn Esq. and they that hold the said Lands under the which Demand you are to make both by Writing and Word of Mouth for all which this shall be your Commission and Warrant Given under Our Hand and lesser Seal at Arms this Nineteenth of March 1683.

C. Baltimore

Cecilius Absolute, Lord and Proprietary of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baltimore Esq. to Our Trusty and Well Beloved Captain James Neale, and to all our Officers in Maryland and to all others whom it may Concern Greeting Whereas We understand that certain Enemies, Pirates and Robbers have invaded and Usurped a part of our said Province of Maryland lying upon the South Side of Delaware Bay within the Degree of Forty Northerly Latitude and divers Foreigners furnish them with Vessels, Arms provisions and other Goods to maintain their said Unjust Usurpation Know ye that we reposing Trust and Confidence in the Courage and Experience in Martial Affairs and good Affection of you the said Captain Neale do by these Presents Appoint and Authorise you the said Captain Neale to Levy Muster and Train any Men in Our said Province of Maryland for the time being that shall be willing to assist you in an Expedition against the said Enemies Pirates and Robbers, and to make War against and to pursue any the said Enemies Pirates and Robbers or any Foreigners or their Ships or other Vessels Aiding and Abetting them as aforesaid as well by Sea as by Land yea even without the Limits of our said Province and by Gods Assistance to Vanquish and Take them and to Seize to Our Use all or any Houses and Goods of the said Enemies Pirates and Robbers or their abettors which shall be upon the Shore within the Limits of Our said Province taking and keeping to your own use such Goods on Shore which shall be seized by you as aforesaid and to do all and every thing which in such case unto the Charge