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Charles Vincent Cap. Generall and Chief Governour of the Province of Maryland
 and the Right honorable Viscount Lord Baltimore absolute Lord and Proprietary of the
 same to Cap. Thomas Howell of the County of Baltimore in the said Province
 of Maryland Greeting All Wheras his most Excellent Majesty Charles the
 first of blessed memory King of England Scotland France and Ireland
 Defender of the faith &c. did by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal
 of England bearing date the 20th day of June in the Eighth year of his
 Majesty's heigne and in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred
 thirty two graunt unto the said Lord Proprietary the Province of Mary-
 land according to the bounds in the said Letters Patents mentioned
 and Expressed wherein his said Majesty of blessed memory specify-
 eth the bounds of the said Province to extend to the seabord side
 and Delaware Bay to the fortieth degree of Northern latitude, and for
 that the said Lord Proprietary hath lately Erected a County on the
 said seabord side at a place called the Shoreweale and called by
 name of Worcester County which said County was inhabited by severall
 persons who had taken the oath of fidelity to his said Lord and for that
 I am informed that severall persons Subjects of the States Generalls of the
 United Provinces have since taken possession of the said County by force
 of Armes to the utter Ruin of severall the Inhabitants of the said
 County & Disinheritzen of his said Lord of his due Rights, I therefore
 upon the Special Trust and Confidence that I have in your fidelity
 circumspection courage and good conduct do hereby constitute ordaine
 and appoint you the said Cap. Thomas Howell Commander in Chief
 under me of forty able men to be Raised and provided by you in the
 County of Baltimore sufficiently provided with Armes and Amunition
 and them to traine Muster & Exercise in the Urb of Waire, and
 from the said County of Baltimore to lead them away unto the
 said County of Worcester and thereby force or otherwise to surprize
 and take and possess the said place called the Shoreweale 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 p^{ro}vide such men not Exceeding
 the number of forty in the said County of Baltimore, as you shall
 Judge fit for such a designe and also to p^{ro}vide & take at such Armes
 and Amunition Provision & houses necessary for the accomodation
 of your self Officers & Soldiers and in case of any Rebellion Tumult
 or Sedition of any of yo^r Soldiers then I do hereby Empower you
 to punish them according to Martial Law and I do hereby
 Empower you to make and constitute such and so many officers
 military under you for commanding the said party as to you shall
 seeme meete And if it shall so happen as I do not in the least
 doubt that you shall winn the said place by assault surprize
 or otherwise then proceed with such Enemy or Enemies that shall

(Resist)