

Must suppose 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 be Comand yo^r self or deput^e such officers or officers for the same as you can confide in if you cannot conveniently stay yo^r self to Remaine there and to keep and Defend the said place by force or otherwise against all persons until I shall signify my will & pleasure therein, and I doe hereby Comand you to send me speedy notice from time to time of yo^r proceedings herein, that I may take such aid about the same as shall be for his Majesty's use and I doe hereby Comand and Require all persons to yield all due obedience to you the said Thomas Howell in all things apperteyning to the office and Comand hereby conferred on you as they will answer the contrary at their perills and for yo^r proceedings therein this shall be yo^r Comand. Given under my hand and seal at Arms the first day of October in the two and fortieth yeare of the Dominion of his said Lordship over this Province of Maryland and in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred seventy and Three

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A Council held at the City of Maryland the 24th day of June Anno Domini 1677

- Present
- Thomas Mallett Esq. Lieut. Gen. & Chief Governour
 - Philip Calvert Esq. Chancel^r
 - Wm Calvert Esq. Principall Secry
 - Baker Brook Esq. Surve^y. Gen^l
 - Major Benj^a Hozer

Whereas the Governour & Council are informed that there are severall persons that are seated within this Province on the Seaboard side & doe pretend to be under the Governm^t of New Yorke It is therefore Ordered that a speciall Warrant be granted to M. Wm. Stevens for eight thousand acres of Land to be proportioned out by him for the Encouragement of such as will seat there on the said Seaboard side & that such persons as seat there shall have seven years liberty to make good rights for the said Land paying to his Lordship only the Rent of two Shillings sterl yearly for every hundred acres And further it is ordered that those that seat nearest the Starbills shall have out of the said Eight Thousand acres One thousand acres of Land for a family having in it three working hands at the least And the Rest of the Eight thousand acres to be proportioned out at five hundred acres each family having in