

and positive Instructions, to joyn with them in taking ob-
 -servations and laying out the line according to his Majesties
 commands which meetings have not only been disappointed
 by the Agents of the said William Penn contrary to their
 promises under their hands and Seales, but his Majesties In-
 -junctions most notoriously and contemptuously slighted,
 which actions of theirs have been since approved of by His
 Penn as may appear by several of his Letters to us. Therefore
 we to manifest our most loyal and Dutifull respect to his
 Majesty and how it was not through any neglect of ours that
 his said order concerning a joint observation were not in all respects
 punctually observed, caused two observations to be taken at
 two severall times, and an East and west line accordingly
 to be runn out and markt at great disadvantage to our
 self, being some miles to the Southward of the Northerly
 Latitude of fourtieth degree. We do therefore hereby require
 you with all convenient speed to take with you such and
 so many persons to accompany and attend you as you
 shall think convenient, and to Repare as our Agent to
 the said Governour of Pen: Sylvaania, and of him to demand
 in our name, and to our use the delivery of all the Land
 upon the west side of Delaware, River and Bay, and the
 Seaboard side to the Southward of the fourtieth degree of North-
 -erly Latitude, and more particularly all that part thereof
 which lyeth to the Southward of the markt lyne aforesaid
 All the said Land being part 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 said Lands under him, which
 demand you are to make both by writing and word of
 mouth. For all which this shall be your Commission and war-
 -rant Given under our hand & seale at Annes this
 Nineteenth of March 1683

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A Council held at the City of St. Maries the fifth
 Day of April in the ninth year of the Dominion
 of the R. Hon. Charles 2. King of Great Brittain

The R. Hon. ~~Charles~~ ^{Wm. Howard} Pres.

- Coll. Henry Courway
 - Coll. Henry Darnall
 - Coll. Wm. Drigg
 - Coll. Wm. Stovens
 - Maj. Nicholas Sewall
 - Mr. John Darnall
- PRESENT

The Hon. ^{the} Sp. Ple.