

thereunto under our or their hands and Seals or otherwise  
 within the said Province and no longer and I do also give  
 you the same power and Authority during your Government  
 there under me or until I or my heirs shall signify or  
 their pleasure to the contrary to Grant Lands from time to  
 time in my name within the said Province under my Great  
 Seal there unto any Adventurers or Planters there and upon  
 the same terms and Conditions as my said Brother had power  
 from me to do at the time of his transmitting & entrusting  
 the Government of that Province unto you for all which  
 this shall be your sufficient warrant Given under my hand  
 and Seal at Arms at Bristol the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November Anno  
 Domini 1643

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To Giles Brent Esq<sup>r</sup> my Lieut  
 General of my Prov<sup>ty</sup> of Maryland

W<sup>th</sup> Brent

Whereas I have received good testimony from  
 my Brother Leonard Calvert of the Good Affection and fidelity  
 of Thomas Gerard of Saint Clements hundred in the Province  
 of Maryland Gent toward me and my service in the said  
 Province and that he hath deserved very well of me in his  
 diligent endeavours for the advancement and prosperity  
 of my Colony there wherein he hath had Occasion to express  
 also more then ordinary abilities of understanding such as  
 may make him capable and useful in advising with upon  
 the most important affairs of that place I have therefore  
 thought fit by my said Brothers advice) and I do hereby  
 nominate and appoint the said Thomas Gerard to be  
 one of my Council within the said Province and I do  
 hereby authorize will and Requite you forthwith upon  
 the Receipt hereof to swear the said Thomas Gerard one  
 of my Council there according to the usual manner & that