

the said Commissions or any of them and also all powers here  
 before given to our said Brother or any other person or persons  
 by the said Commissions or any of them or otherwise of enact-  
 ing or Assenting unto any Law or Ordinances in our name  
 within our said Province of Maryland and we do likewise  
 hereby discharge all and every person and persons whatsoever  
 from our Council and to be of our Council within the said Pro-  
 vince of Maryland which heretofore have been of our Coun-  
 cil there nevertheless considering and well knowing that the  
 People there cannot subsist and continue in peace and safety  
 without some good Government to be ordain'd and established  
 as well for the cherishing of the Vertues and Orderly as for the  
 punishment of the Lewd and disorderly persons there and  
 whereas our trusty and well Beloved William Stone now  
 or late of Northampton County in Virginia Esq hath un-  
 dertaken in some short time to procure five hundred people  
 of British or Irish descent to come from other places and  
 plant and reside within our said Province of Maryland  
 for the advancement of our Colony there and being confident  
 of his Wisdom Fidelity Industry Integrity and other Vir-  
 tues which Render him capable and worthy of the Trust  
 hereby by us intended to be reposed in him have nominated  
 Constituted ordain'd authoris'd and established and by these  
 presents do Nominate Constitute Ordain authoris'd and estab-  
 lish the said William Stone our Lieutenant chief Governor or  
 General Admiral Marshall chief Captain and Commander  
 as well by Seas by Land of our said Province of Maryl<sup>d</sup>  
 and the Islands to the same belonging and by these presents  
 do Grant unto him the chief Commandm<sup>t</sup> and absolute Au-  
 thority under us above and in all matters of warfare by Sea  
 and Land to execute and administer the same to the resistance