

Beloved Robert Vaughan Gent whereas we have found you
 very faithful and well deserving of us upon the occasion and
 insurrection and Rebellion in our said Province of Maryland
 Begun and Fomented by that Notorious and ungrateful Pil-
 ladin Richard Ingle and his Complices against our dear Bro-
 ther Leonard Calvert Esq deceased our late Governor of the said
 Province and our undoubted right and title to the Government
 of the same wherein you have manifested to the satisfaction
 of us and our Colony there such Fidelity Courage Wisdom In-
 dustry and Integrity as render you capable and worthy of the
 Trust hereby by us intended to be reposed in you therefore we
 do by these presents authorize constitute and appoint you to
 be Commander of the Island of Kent within our said Prov^{ce}
 and the Inhabitants thereof and do Grant unto you all such
 Fees Perquisites and Profits as are belonging to the said place
 and Office of Commander of the said Island to have and
 to hold the said place and Office and Fees Perquisites and
 Profits aforesaid till we or our heirs shall signify our or their
 Pleasure to the contrary under our or their hand and Seal
 at Arms and we do further Grant hereby unto you full power
 and Authority to elect and choose any six or more able and
 Sufficient men Inhabitants of the said Island as you in
 your discretion shall think fit with whom you shall advise
 and Consult in all matters of importance whom we do ap-
 point shall be Authorized Commissioners for that purpose
 under the Great Seal of our said Province and to call a Court
 or Courts as often as there shall be Cause and in the said Courts
 to award in our name all manner of process hold pleas and
 finally to hear and determine all Causes and Actions whatso-
 ever civil happening and arising between any the Inhabi-
 tants of the said Island not exceeding in damage or demands