

never any lawful Authority to do any thing therein our
 Lieutenant or chief Governor of that Province nor for acting
 any thing else concerning that Government in regard our
 dear Brother Leonard Calvert Esq^r lately deceased by whom
 the said Captain Hill pretended to be constituted ^{our} Lieut^t
 there had no Authority from us to appoint or constitute
 any in that place under us there but only in case of his
 Death or of his Absence from thence and during such ab-
 sence only or until we or our heirs should signify our or
 their pleasure to the contrary and was also limited by our
 Commission to him not to appoint or constitute any per-
 son in either of the aforesaid cases of Death or absence to
 be our Lieutenant or Governor there unless such person were
 of our Privy Council there and residing within our said
 Province at the time of such Appointment or Constitution
 which made the said Captain Hill incapable of that place
 he being not then nor ever of our said Council and whereas
 we are inform'd that some of those Laws so enacted ^{are} are very
 prejudicial to our rights and Royal Jurisdiction in the
 said Province and others of them inconvenient for our
 People there we do therefore for the Reasons aforesaid hereby
 protest against all the said Captain Edward Hills proce-
 dings in the quality of our Lieutenant there as unlawful
 and do hereby declare our dissent to all Laws Orders and
 Ordinances whatsoever made or enacted by him or in our
 name as our Lieutenant there in any General Assembly
 or otherwise and whereas we are inform'd that there have
 been at several times divers other Laws enacted in our said
 Province both before and after Captain Hills Assumption
 and desertion of that pretended place of our Lieutenant
 there by several others of our lawful Lieut^ts of the said
 Province for the time being in our name to and with