

from us for that purpose Given under our Hand and  
Great Seal at Ours the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in the eight  
teenth Year of our Dominion over the said Province Anno  
Qui 1649

Brooke Esq of the Council

(Baltimore)

Cecilius & our trusty and well Beloved William  
Stone Esq our Lieutenant of the said Province of Maryland  
and to the rest of our Council and other Officers there and  
to all others whom it may Concern Greeting whereas our  
trusty and well Beloved Robert Brooke Esq doth this next  
summers Expedition intend to transport himself his wife  
eight Sons and family and a Great number of other per-  
sons and Good Store of provision and Ammunition into  
our said Province of Maryland there to erect make and  
settle a considerable plantation Now know ye that we  
having good experience of the Honour worth and Abilities  
of the said Robert Brooke and Reposing especial trust  
and Confidence in his wisdom diligence and experience  
do upon such his settlement and plantation in our said  
Province as aforesaid by these presents constitute and Ap-  
point him the said Robert Brooke to be one of our Burg  
Council of State within our said Province of Maryland  
until we or our heirs shall signify our or their pleasure  
under our or their hand and seal at Ours to the contrary  
and we do hereby Give and Grant unto him the said Robert  
Brooke full power and Authority for that purpose from  
time to time and at all times during his so being of our Bu  
ry Council to meet and assemble himself in Council upon  
all Occasions..... with our Lieutenant  
of the said Province for the time being and others of our