

this Service upon the penalty of such punishment
to be inflicted upon them or any of them as their Neglect
Contempt or disobedience therein shall deserve in the Judg-
ment of the provincial Court or Court Martial given at
Saint Marys under the Great Seal of this Province this 29th
day of November 1652

William Stone

By the Commissioners of the Council
of State for the Commonwealth of
England

Whereas the right honorable the Council of State for
the Commonwealth of England by Authority of Parliament
have committed to us the Commissioners several Powers for
the Reducing settling and Governing of all the plantations
within the Bay of Chesapeake by their Commission and
Instructions bearing date at Whitehall the 26 day of Sept
1651 may appear in pursuance whereof the foresaid Com-
missioners having applyed themselves to the Governour &
Council of Maryland / one of the plantations within the
Limits aforesaid Requiring them to submit thereunto
and to Act accordingly and having tendered the same sever-
al times unto them so as that they might remain in their
places conforming themselves to the Laws of the Common-
wealth of England in point of Government only and not
infringing the Lord Baltimores just rights which they ha-
ving denied and refused as being inconsistent with the
patent of the Lord Proprietor and their oaths made to him
In Obedience therefore to the said Councils Commands in these
said Commissions to us directed and for the preservation of
the Honour and Interest of the Commonwealth of England
for settling the Colony of Maryland in their due Obedience