

be hereby declared void and null and to be delivered into
the hands of us the Commissioners as also that all Records
and other matters and things Relating to the Government
of Maryland be delivered into the hands of the Council
hereby us nominated

Dated at Saint Marys
the 29th day of March
1652

Richard Bennett
Edmund Courtes
Will^m Claiborne

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

Whereas the Government of this province was for that
present until further time and Opportunity of Consideration
left in the hands of Robert Brooke Esq^r and some others as
by an Order or Proclamation of the Commissioners of the Par-
liament and Council of State for the Commonwealth of Eng-
land dated at Saint Marys the 29th of March last appereth
referring the further settlement thereof to an Assembly appoin-
ted to be held the 24th day of this month and whereat it apper-
eth that Captain William Stone Esq^r Governor and W^m Thomas
Hatton Secretary of this province were then left out upon some
misapprehension or misunderstanding as they alledge in that
particular of issuing out writs and all other procefs what-
soever in the names of the Keepers of the Liberties of England
by Authority of Parliament and forasmuch as the foresaid
Captain William Stone Esq^r at the motion and Request of
the foresaid Commissioners and the desire of the Inhabitants
is content to Resume his former place of Governor here & to
Act according to the foresaid Order or Proclamation and ac-
cording to his former power reserving ^{& saving} to himself as also to
the foresaid W^m Thomas Hatton Robert Brooke Esq^r and