

Captain John Swettenham Oaths made to the Lord Baltimore Lord Proprietor of this Province until the pleasure of the State of England be further knowne it is therefore Ordered by the aforesaid Commissioners with the advice and Consent of the Council and others the Inhabitants that Captain William Stone Esq be the Governor and Mr Tho Stutton Robert Brookes Esq Captain John Price Mr Job Chandler Col Francis Underly and Mr Richard Preston be of the Council for this Province who are to govern order and direct the affairs thereof in all matters according to the former Charter and the Order of Proclamation aforesaid and to hold Courts for the better administration of Justice as often as they shall think fit until further Orders of England therein and in the meantime all persons whatsoever are required and Commanded to take Notice thereof and to conform thereto accordingly and since the Government is so settled as is known to be to the good liking of the Inhabitants it is conceived for that and several other Reasons that there is no absolute necessity of a General Assembly at present Given under our hands at Saint Marys the 28th day of June 1652

William Sleyborne Richard Bennet

By the Lieutenant &c of Maryland

These are in the names of the Keepers of the Liberties of England by Authority of Parliament to Outwarrant and Require Master Richard Preston one of the Council and Commander on the North side of Patuxent River to make and appoint what person or Persons Officer or Officers you shall think fitting and to give his warrant or Warrants to them for levying and raising one able man out of every seven inhabiting upon Patuxent River &