

Richard Preston W<sup>m</sup> William Duward W<sup>m</sup> Edward Lloyd  
Captain John Smith W<sup>m</sup> Lawson W<sup>m</sup> John Hatck

W<sup>m</sup> Richard Welland W<sup>m</sup> Richard Everoany four of them  
whereof Captain William Fuller W<sup>m</sup> Richard Preston W<sup>m</sup>  
William Duward to be always one to be Commissioners for  
the well ordering directing and governing the Affairs of Mary  
land under his highness the Lord Protector of England  
Scotland Ireland and the Dominion thereof and in his name

only and no other and to proceed therein as near as may be  
to the Laws of England to appoint and hold Courts for the  
due Administration of Justice and Right in such places  
and at such time as they shall think meet and necessary  
and any of the Commissioners of the Quorum to issue all  
writs warrants & subpoenas as <sup>is</sup> also that they summon  
an Assembly to begin on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October next for which

Assembly all such shall be disabled to give any vote or to be elected  
members thereof as have bin ainsin war against the  
Parliament or do profess the Roman Catholick Religion

and the said W<sup>m</sup> William Duward is hereby appointed  
to be Secretary to the said Commissioners and to Receive the  
Records from W<sup>m</sup> Thomas Hatton and Captain John  
Smith to be Sheriff for this ensuing year dated at Patuxent  
River in the Province of Maryland the 22<sup>d</sup> day of July  
1654

Recordu Verum Teste  
W<sup>m</sup> Duward Secr  
Richard Bennet  
W<sup>m</sup> Claiborne

Sir  
You are hereby Required to deliver the Records of  
this Province and all the papers Concerning the same unto  
W<sup>m</sup> William Duward or whom he shall appoint to receive  
them from you July 22<sup>d</sup> 1654