

And we doe hereby give full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor and the said Magistrate full power & authority as often as it shall seeme meete to call & summon one or more generall assemblies or assemblies of the freeholders of the said Province or their deputies at such place or places within the said Province as shall seeme meete for the consulting preparing & amending of such laws and ordinances for the government & well ordering of the said Province & people within the same.

And we doe hereby give full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor & the said Magistrate full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor to be summoned by him in the said Province of Maryland in his name good and lawful with assent & consent unto all such laws & ordinances as the said Lieutenant Governor shall see meete & necessary for the good government of the said Province or the major part of them or their deputies to be assembled by him in the said Province of Maryland and not to be put into execution until they be approved of by the freemen of the said Province or the major part of them or their deputies to be assembled by him in the said Province of Maryland. Provided that the said laws & ordinances be as near as conveniently may be agreeable & not contrary to the laws of England. Every such law & ordinance to be assented unto by the said Lieutenant Governor & the said Magistrate to be in our name & consented unto & approved of by the freemen or their deputies or the major part of them as aforesaid. We doe hereby declare that the same shall be in force within the said Province till we or our heirs shall signify our assent & that the same shall be void & of no effect & no longer, unless after the transmission thereof unto us or our heirs & due consideration had thereof we or our heirs shall signify our assent & that the same shall be confirmed by us or our heirs under our great seal.

And we doe hereby give full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor & the said Magistrate full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor to call & assemble all & every such assembly and assembly by him & therefore called & thereafter to be called at his pleasure.

And forasmuch as the calling of a generall assembly of the said freemen and consulting about & amending of laws will require long time & much consultation, and many times & days & longer necessary occasions may happen or fall out which require speedy remedy; we doe therefore hereby give full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor full power & authority from time to time to make such statutes, ordinances & publish in our name such reasonable & profitable edicts & proclamations within the said Province of Maryland with reasonable penalties & penalties therein to be expressed to be duly inflicted on all offenders against the same as the said Lieutenant Governor in his discretion shall see meete; and that the said penalties doe not extend to the taking away the rights or in loss of any goods or chattels or in their life members freehold goods or chattels; nor to be rigorous or contrary but agreeable as near as may be to the laws established within the Realm of England, and to the laws & ordinances established or to be established within the said Province of Maryland. All such edicts & proclamations shall stand in force only and until we or our heirs shall signify our assent & that the same shall be void & of no effect & no longer, unless after the transmission thereof unto us or our heirs & due consideration had thereof we or our heirs shall signify our assent & that the same shall be confirmed by us or our heirs under our great seal.

And further we doe hereby give full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor & the said Magistrate full power & authority unto the said Lieutenant Governor to appoint from time to time such persons as shall seeme meete for the governing & vending & disposing of all goods & wares & merchandise in the said Province; and to appoint ports; & also to erect & establish markets, and to establish such other things as shall seeme meete for the governing & vending & disposing of the same.

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