

Charles Calvert Capt General and George Calvert of the Province of Maryland and the Right  
 honorable Sir John Baltimore absolute Lord and Proprietary of the same To Sir Thomas Howell of  
 the County of Baltimore in the said Province of Maryland greeting Whereas his most Excellent  
 Majesty Charles the first of blessed memory King of England Scotland France and Ireland did by  
 Letters under the great Seal of England bearing date the 20th day of the  
 month of August in the eighth year of his Majesty's said King and in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred  
 thirty two grant unto the said Lord Proprietary this Province of Maryland according to the  
 bounds in the said Letters patent mentioned and expressed, wherein his said Majesty of blessed memory  
 specified the bounds of the said Province to extend to the Harbor of Fox and Delaware Bay to the  
 fortieth degree of Northwardly latitude, and for that the said Lord Proprietary hath lately erected a  
 town on the said Harbor of Fox at a place called the Horshole and called it by the name of Worcester County  
 which said County was inhabited by private persons who had taken the oath of fidelity to his said Majesty  
 and for that I am informed that certain of our Subjects of the State of the united Provinces of  
 the said County of Worcester by force of arms to the utter ruin of the said inhabitants  
 of the said County and in violation of his said Majesty's said Right, I therefore upon the special  
 Request and Petition that I have in your fidelity circumspicious courage and good conduct do hereby  
 constitute ordain and appoint you the said Sir Thomas Howell Governor in Chief and in our  
 able men to be chosen and appointed by you in the County of Baltimore sufficiently provided with  
 arms and Ammunition and them to train Muster Exercise in the Art of War, and from the said  
 County of Baltimore to lead them away, unto the said County of Worcester and there by force  
 or otherwise to surprise and take and possess the said place called the Horshole and the said  
 County of Worcester and the same to keep and defend for the use of the said Lord Proprietary  
 and in case of any Resistance by any Enemy or Enemies the said Enemy or Enemies to fight  
 overcome kill destroy and vanquish at occasion shall require. And I do hereby empower you  
 to take such men not exceeding the number of one hundred in the said County of Baltimore as you  
 shall judge fit for such a Design and also to possess all such arms and Ammunition  
 should be necessary for the accommodation of your self officers and soldiers, and in case of any  
 Rebellion tumult or sedition of any of your soldiers then I do hereby empower you to punish  
 them according to Martial Law and I do also hereby empower you to make such levies  
 of so many officers military under you for commanding the said party as to you shall seem  
 And if it shall so happen (as I do not in the least doubt) that you shall within the said place  
 assault surprise or otherwise be opposed with such Enemy or Enemies that shall Resist  
 oppose you either according to Martial Law or otherwise as you shall think fit and the  
 urgency of the occasion shall require, and the said place when taken to guard yourself or  
 such officer or officers for your self as you can convene in (if you cannot conveniently stay  
 to remain there and to keep and defend the said place by force or other wise, against all  
 assault I shall signify my will and desire therein, and I do hereby command you to  
 give notice from time to time of your Design herein, that I may take such order  
 there as shall be for his Majesty's service, and I do hereby command and require all persons  
 your all due obedience to you the said Sir Thomas Howell in all things appertaining to this  
 and command hereby confirmed on you as they will answer by Contrary at their perils  
 for you proceed might herein that shall be your warrant. Given under my hand and Seal  
 the first day of October in the two and fourth year of his Majesty's said Dominion of  
 the said Province of Maryland and in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred  
 thirty and six hundred seventy and three

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