

Maryland ff.

At a Council held at Hopeworthhold upon Tuesday the first day of August in the first year of Rob Lopp's Dominion & Annoys Dom 1676. Present:

The Hon^{ors} { Philip Ashurst Esq^r Chancellor
Wm Ashurst Esq^r Principal Secy } Council
Baker Brooke Esq^r Surveyor
Thomas Motley Gent.

In Blomfield St Dunst.

Then were Rob Lopp's instructions to Esq^r John Wharton late Deputy Lieut & Deputy Governour of this Province deposed read & ordered that the same together with Rob Lopp's Commission to the said John Wharton of Deputy Lieut & Deputy Governour Commission for the Council, Commission for the Sheriff Justice & Justices of M^r Thomas Motley his Commission from the said Esq^r Wharton pursuant to the said Instructions be recorded and delivered to the said M^r Thomas Motley the tenor of which said Commissions & instructions follow in these words vizt.

R. Baltimore.

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To all the Inhabitants and people of Maryland and all others to whom these presents shall come or any wayes concerne Greeting Whereas Our present affairs doe require Our leaving this Our Province for some months and that during Our absence out of Our said Province wee have thought fit & requisite the Sheriff's Command should be in Our dear Sonne Jacill Ashurst Esq^r Know ye therefore that wee have given granted and by these presents doe give and grant unto Our said Dear Sonne the Office of Lieutenant General Sheriff Captain Sheriff Governour and Commander and Chief Admirall both by Sea & Land of Our Province of Maryland And of all Our Islands Territories and Dominions whatsoever And of all & singular Our castles Forts Fortresses Fortifications Munitions Shippes and Maryes in Our said Province Islands Territories and Dominions aforesaid And him the said Jacill Ashurst wee doe make Ordaine and constitute Lieutenant General Sheriff Captain and Chief Admirall both by Sea and Land Sheriff Governour and Commander of Our said Province Islands Territories and Dominions and of all the castles Forts Maryes Shippes places and things aforesaid by these presents To have hold Occupy enjoy and exercise the said Office of Lieutenant General Sheriff Captain and Chief Admirall Sheriff Governour and Sheriff Commander as aforesaid with the appurtenances unto Our said Dear Sonne Jacill Ashurst by his Deputy in Our absence by us to be appointed. And wee doe likewise give and grant.