

William Aubert Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Principall Secretary of Our said Province  
 Our deare Cousin Baker Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Surrye Generall of Our  
 said Province Our trusty and wellbelov'd Henry Cowley Esq<sup>r</sup> Our trusty  
 and wellbelov'd Samuel Shew Esq<sup>r</sup> and Our trusty and wellbelov'd  
 Thomas Cailowr Esq<sup>r</sup> to be Our private Councillours and to be Our  
 private secrett and continuall Councell to Us and to Our Deputy  
 Lieutenant and Deputy Governour for the time being of Our said Province  
 for and in relation to all affairs of State, and for and in relation to  
 the making of peace and Warre and the good Governanc<sup>e</sup> and ordering  
 of all Our affairs relating to Our said Province during Our pleasure  
 And Wee doe further assigne constitute and appoint that they the  
 said Philip Aubert William Aubert Baker Brooke Henry Cowley  
 Samuel Shew and Thomas Cailowr or any three or more of them  
 (of which Wee will that Our said Chancellour or Our said Principall  
 Secretary shall be One) shall in Our absence together with Our  
 Deputy Lieutenant and Deputy Governour for the time being of Our  
 said Province be a full sufficient and compleate Councell for the  
 ends and purposes aforesaid. Willing and by these presents requiring and  
 firmly enjoying all persons of Our said Province and Dominions  
 aforesaid that in all things relating to the premises they give  
 Obedience unto Our said Councell, and to all such Orders and  
 Comands as shall from time to time be made and given by  
 Our said Councell or any three or more of them (of which Our said  
 Chancellour and Principall Secretary or One of them to be One)  
 by and with the consent and approbation of Us or of Our Deputy  
 Lieutenant and Deputy Comander of Our said Province for the  
 time being, so as such Orders and Comands be conformant to reason  
 and be not repugnant or contrary to the Lawes of Our said Province  
 nor repugnant or contrary unto but as neere as conveniently may be  
 agreeable to and with the Lawes Statutes and customes of the Kingdom  
 of England Witness Our selfe at Mattapony the seventeenth  
 day of June in the first year of Our Dominion over Our said  
 Province of Maryland and in the year of Our Lord God Our  
 thousand six hundred Seventy six: /

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Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietory of the Province of Maryland  
 and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To all and Singular Our  
 Sheriffs and Chief Officers and all others of Our Province of  
 Maryland aforesaid Greeting Whereas as well for Our owne conser-  
 vation as for the conservation <sup>of the Law</sup> and tranquility of Our said Province  
 and to the end that justice and Equity may be duly & impartially  
 administered to all and every person and persons bodies politicke and  
 corporate of and within Our Province of Maryland aforesaid Wee  
 have constituted assigne and appointed and doe hereby constitute  
 assigne and appoint Our trusty and wellbelov'd Chancellour Jesse

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