

Governour of this Province have been pleased to  
 signifye their Will & pleasure that in case of the  
 death or absence of the Governour and no other  
 person upon the place Commissioned to be Comander  
 in Chief of this their said Province that then the  
 Council of Maryland should take upon them the  
 Administration of the Governour & executing the  
 Commission and the severall Powers & Authorities therein  
 contained And that the first Counsellor who should  
 be at the time of the death or absence of the Governour  
 or Comander in Chief residing within this their said  
 Province & Dominion doe Justice in the said Coun-  
 cill with such Powers & Preeminences as any former  
 Governour hath used & enjoyed within the said Province  
 or any other their Plantations in America until  
 the arrivall of such Governour or Comander in  
 Chief or their Heires pleasure should be further  
 knowne therein And forasmuch as their Heires  
 have been pleased to Comand my present service  
 in this Colony of Virginia and no other person  
 upon the place Commissioned to be Comander in  
 Chief of this their Province & Dominion, pursuant  
 therfore -