

full power & Authority with the Advice & consent of our said Council from time  
 to time as need shall require to Summon & Call Generall Assemblies of the freholders  
 within your Governm<sup>t</sup>. according to the Usage of our Province & Territory of Maryland  
 Our Will & Pleasure is that the persons thereupon duly Elected by the Major  
 part of the freholders of the respective Counties and places and so returned an  
 having before their sitting taken the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup>. to be taken  
 instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy as also the Oath which you shall  
 Commissionate fit persons under our Seale of Maryland to Administer unto them and  
 without taking which none shall be Capable sitting though Elected shall be called  
 and told the Generall Assembly of that our Province And that you the said Francis  
 Nicholson by and with the consent of our said Council & Assembly or the Major  
 part of them respectively have full power & Authority to make Constitutes & Ordains  
 Laws Statutes & Ordinances for the publick peace Welfare & good Governm<sup>t</sup>. of  
 our said Province and the people and Inhabitants thereof And such others as  
 shall respect thereto and for the benefit of Us our heirs & Successors Which  
 said Laws Statutes & Ordinances are to be as near as may be agreeable to the  
 Laws & Statutes of this our Kingdom of England Provided that all such  
 Laws Statutes & Ordinances of what Nature or duration soever & within three  
 Months or sooner after the making thereof Transmitted unto Us under our Seale  
 of Maryland for our Approbation or disallowance of the same as also Duplicates  
 thereof by the next Conveyance or if it shall happen that during this time of  
 War no Shipping shall come from our said Province within three Months after  
 the making such Laws Statutes & Ordinances whereby the same may be  
 transmitted as aforesaid that then the said Laws Statutes & Ordinances be Transmitted  
 unto Us by the next Conveyance after the making thereof for our Approbation or  
 disallowance of the same And in case any or all of them being not before Conveyed  
 by Us shall at any time be disallowed & not Approved and so signified by Us our  
 heirs & Successors Under our or their Signe Manuall & Signet or by Order of our  
 or their privy Council unto you the said Francis Nicholson or to the  
 Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being then such  
 many of them as shall be so disallowed and not Approved shall from thence forth  
 cease to have & become utterly void & of none Effect any thing to the  
 contrary