

shall be thought fit & necessary And in them or any of them to Erect Nominate and Appoint
Custom houses Ware-houses & Officers Relating therunto And them to alter Change or displac:
from time to time as with the Advice aforesaid shall be thought fit Wee doe further by
these presents Will Require and Comand you to take all possible Care for the discountenance of
Vices & Encouragement of Vertue and good living that by such Examples the Justices may
be invited & desired to partake of the Christian Religion And Wee doe hereby Require and Comand
all Officers & Ministers Civil & Military and all other Inhabitants of our said Province
and Territory to be obedient Obedient and assisting Unto you the said Francis Nicholson in
the Execution of this our Commission and of the powers and Authorities therein contained
And in Case of your death or absence out of our said Province to be obedient Obedient and
assisting unto such person as shall be Appointed by us to be Commander in Chief to whom
Wee doe hereby by these presents Give and Grant all and singular the powers and
Authorities aforesaid to be Executed & Enjoyed by him during our pleasure or until your
Arrival within our said Province of Maryland Provided always that Nothing herein
contained shall be Construed or taken to Diminish or alter the powers formerly granted
to our Trusty & well beloved Sr Edmund Andros Knight by our Commission unto time &
bearing Date the third day of March One thousand six hundred Ninety One in the fourth
year of our League But that the said Sr Edmund Andros upon the death of or
absence from America of you the said Francis Nicholson shall take upon him the
Chief Comand of our said Province and Execute the powers of this our Commission
as Wee doe hereby likewise Will and Comand that our Commission bearing Date the
fourteenth day of November in the first year of our League constituting you our
Lieutenant Governor of our Dominion and Colony of Virginia do take & determine
from the Date of these presents Except upon the death or absence from America of
the said Sr Edmund Andros In which Case our Will & Pleasure is that you take
upon you the Chief Comand of our said Dominion and Execute the Powers of our
Commission Given to the said Sr Edmund Andros Until our Pleasure be knowne And
if upon the death or absence of you the said Francis Nicholson out of our said
Province of Maryland there be no person Commissioned or Appointed by us to be
Commander in Chief of our said Province Our Will and Pleasure is that
the then present Council of that our Province do take upon them the Administration
of the Government and Execute this Commission and the severall powers & Authorities
therein