

to be Lieutenant and Chief Governor of this Province,  
but he had not had such the last ~~preceding~~ instruction or  
notice of the government being by His Majesty restored  
to my Lord Baltimore - and having produced their  
Commission dated the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1752 recited the  
time to be exact at the Board it isward donee. and  
then directed the members of the Board severally to  
give their opinion whether it be advisable for his  
Excellency to accept of and let by the said Commission  
without some particular instruction direction or  
provision from his Majesty or other legal Notice  
that he has been graciously pleased to restore the go-  
vernment to the Lord Proprietor since his Excellency  
now administers the Government by virtue of his  
Majesty's Royal Authority under the Great Seal  
of Great Britain and according to the Constitution  
recited -

The Board are unanimously of opinion  
that as his Excellency has declared he has not  
received any Instruction or Notice from him that  
gives legal Authority derived from his  
pleasure to restore this Government to the Lord  
Proprietor he ought not to accept of or let  
by the said Commission in any way recognise  
up the administration of the Government  
he now holds under his Majesty's Authority  
until his Excellency's Pleasure is signified to  
him for doing so.

The Excellency having received a Letter  
from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Col<sup>l</sup> Howard Esq<sup>r</sup> of