

which he lays before them as follows —

[This is entered at large in the Council's Proceedings]

He then says that he is very much honoured, in having the leave thereby given for which he is humbly & gratefully thankful to his Majesty —

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board, their Lordships' Certificate of Licence to him to be absent from the Government of this Province for twelve Months under their hands & Seals, as follows —

[This is entered at large in the Council's Proceedings]

His Excellency further lays before this Board their Lordships' Instructions to him, which he received with the Licence & Letters of ordering —

viz. — Obedience and Instructions to be observed

& pursued by JOHN STURT Esq; our Lieutenant Governour of the Province of Maryland: And in his absence by the first person in our Council for of time being

Given by us at London this 23^d day of March —

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I. With these Instructions you will receive our Licence allowing you the said John Sturt to come into England for Twelve Months and appointing the person first named of our Council during your absence, or on your Death, to take upon him the administration of the