

At a Council held at the House of His Excellency the Governor in the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 13th Day of February in the fourteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq Domini 1728.

Present

His Excellency Benedict Leonard Calvert Governor

The Honourable Edward Henry Calvert Esq. } Col^d Matthew Tilghman Ward
John Hall Esq. } Benjamin Tasker Esq.
Philemon Lloyd Esq. } Charles Calvert Esq.
Col^d Richard Tilghman

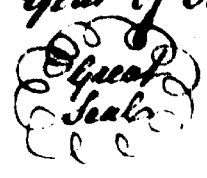
Members of His Lordships Honourable Council

His Excellency the Governor acquaints the Members of this Honourable Board that by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietarys Instructions He has appointed Mr. John Ross Clerk of the Council within this Province And thereupon the said John Ross produces his Excellencys Commission to him given for the same, On the back whereof it appears that the said John Ross has taken (before His Excellency) the several Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province, and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Test according to the Directions of the Act a^f, and the said John Ross having taken before this honourable Board the usual Oath for the due execution of the a^f Office is accordingly admitted

The Tenour of which Commission is as follows

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Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore To Our trusty and welbeloved John Ross of the City of Annapolis in Our Province of Maryland Greeting Forasmuch as We do repose special Trust & Confidence in your Integrity Fidelity Skill and Cunning in Clerkship We have thought fit and do by these Presents give and grant unto You the said John Ross the Office of Clerk to Our Governor and Council of Maryland hereby appointing authorizing & empowering You to have hold exercise, use and enjoy the said Office, and to take and receive to your own proper Use and Behoof as well the salary usually allowed as also all and singular other the Rights Profits Benefits Perquisites and Advantages thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining in as ample manner as any of the Clerks to Our said Gov. and Council have used To have hold exercise, receive and enjoy the same for and during Our Good Will and Pleasure Witness Our Dear Brother Benedict Leonard Calvert Our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Our Province of Maryland this 11. Day of February in the fourteenth Year of Our Dominion Annoq Domini 1728.



Benedict Leonard Calvert