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His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Instructions

Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon in America Lord Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland. Orders and Instructions Powers and Authorities to be observed and Performed by our Trusty and wellbelov'd Horatio Sharpe Esq. Our Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of Our Province of Maryland.

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1. With these my Instructions and Our Commission under Our Great Seal at Arms constituting you Our Lieutenant General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Province and Dominion of Maryland in America You are on Your arrival and Landing in Our said Province forthwith to call together the Members of Our Council of State in form as your Predecessors have done, and make known my Commission to them for that Purpose under Our Great Seal at Arms bearing even date with these my Instructions; and you are also with all due and usual Solemnity to cause and make known to them my Commission to you under Our Great Seal at Arms constituting you Our Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of Our said Province of Maryland to be read and published at the said Meeting which being done you are to Qualify yourself by taking the Oaths accordingly as your Predecessors have done, in respect to Acts of Parliament and Acts of Assembly for that purpose and Our said Council of State are in like manner to do the same; and you are also to take the Oath required to be taken by Governors of Plantations, to do their utmost that the Laws relating to the Plantations be observed.

2. You are to advise with our Council of State, and act conformable as heretofore in such case has been done about calling the Assembly; and as soon as with their advice you shall have so assembled, you are to make known to both Houses of Assembly my speech bearing even date with these Instructions; and you are to make speech and deliver the same in My Name to them, and if there be any Laws which are expired and are proper to be continued, you are on the calling such Assembly under my Authority to recommend to the Council and Assembly the forthwith the enact and Renewing all such Laws; and you are to do and execute all such Public Acts and other Necessary Transactions in conjunction with Our Legislative Powers, as you and they shall judge most Necessary & expedient in like manner as has been Practised and done before by your Predecessors under the Several Powers granted to them from my late Dear Father the Lord Proprietary and his Predecessors, and My beloved Guardians during