

my Minority, and which are now granted by me to you, with the usual Reservation to me of my absent and Disput. such Proceedings of yours and theirs, as I shall think and declare from time to time most meet and fitting under my hand and Seal at Arms.

3. You are after your Arrival in our said Province of Maryland in case of the Death of any of our said Councillors of State, as you are at all times hereafter during your Residence as our Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in our said Province to transmit to and inform me of all such Vacancy or Vacancies with the Name or Names of such Person, Persons who shall be Proposed and as you shall think most fit to Succeed in our said Council: and you are not to fill up such Vacancy or Vacancies until you have received either my Commission or Approbation of the Person and Persons to be appointed on such Vacancy or Vacancies to become a Member or Members of our said Council of State. But whenever the Number of our said Council of State by death or absence shall be reduced to or below the Number of six you are then at Liberty to Nominate and Appoint any Member or Members of our said Council of State so as to keep up the Number of seven Councillors Resident in our said Province Reserving a Power to me either to Approve or disapprove of such your Nomination and Appointment, and in your Choice and Nomination of the Members of our said Council, as also of our Officers Judges, Assistants, Justices, Sheriffs you are always to take care that they be men of good Life and well affected to our Church and State as by Law is established to our Government, and of good Estates and Abilities, and not necessitous Persons or much in debt. You are neither to augment or diminish the Number of our said Council, as it is already established, and you are to signify my Pleasure to the Members of our said Council that if any of them shall hereafter absent themselves from our said Province, and continue absent above the Space of Twelve Months together without leave from you or from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being first obtained or shall remain absent for the Space of two years or the greater part thereof successively without our leave given them under our Seal at Arms their Place or Places in our said Council shall be immediately thereupon void and We will appoint forthwith others in their Stead

4. You must Strictly Act consonant to my Royal Charter from King Charles the first, Grant by his said Majesty to my Noble Ancestor Cecilius Lord Proprietary, and Lord Baron of Baltimore you are to uphold and Maintain the said Charters Royal Prerogatives Rights Powers and Authorities so granted to the Reserving and well being of my Just Rights and the true good Rule of my Government both in Church & State as by Law established doing equal and Impartial Justice unto all Persons his Most Sacred Majestys Subjects and my Faithful Tenants, committed by my Powers to your Care