

as have been sent by my late Dear Father the late Lord Proprietary or since by my Guardians during my Minority or which have been sent by others my Predecessors to former Lieutenant Governors or Chief Magistrates of Our said Province, as you shall find them entered on the Council Books of Our said Province of Maryland so far as the same are not altered or Varied by these Presents or former Instructions or such other Instructions as you shall or may Receive from me, — And where any Instruction has been altered or Varied by subsequent Instructions, you are to follow such last Instruction, and you are upon all Occasions to send to me or my Secretary of Our Province, in England to be laid before me, a Particular Account of all your Proceedings, & of the Condition of Affairs within your Government.

15.

In case of your death or absence from Our said Province, and in case there be at any time no Person upon the Place Commissionated or appointed by me to be my Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, the eldest Councillor whose Name is first Placed in my Commission Appointing the Council of State in Maryland and who shall be at the time of your death or absence residing within Our said Province of Maryland shall take upon him the Administration of the Government, and execute my said Commission and Instructions, and the several Powers and Authorities therein contained in the Manner thereby directed, But it is nevertheless my express Will and Pleasure that in such case the said President shall forbear to Pass any Acts, except what are immediately Necessary for the Peace and welfare of Our said Province without my Particular order for that purpose.

16.

You are to cause these Our Instructions on your Arrival at Maryland, to be entered in the Council Books of Our said Province
GIVEN under Our hand and lesser Seal at Arms at London the seventeenth day of March in the second year of Our Dominion over the said Province, and in the year of Our Lord 1753

By his Lordships Command
Caird. Gilbert Secy