

Commissionate for that purpose, when and as the same shall become necessary agreeable to the Instructions already Received or which shall hereafter be received from me. And I do hereby require you forthwith to signify or cause to be signified to the Council of State and to both houses of Assembly within any said Province of Maryland as well the Royal Commission with which his Majesty has been most graciously pleased to invest you upon this Important Service as this my leave of Absence hereby granted to you from any said Province. And in a more particular manner I do require and enjoin you that you do in the most serious & earnest manner recommend it to the good People of any said Province, that they do in furtherance of his Majestys Royal Intentions, and in manifestation of their own just abhorance and Resentment at the unprovoked Inults & attempts of the Invaders, most heartily co-operate with his Majesty & their Neighbouring Governments by Granting such effectual Supplies and prosecuting such vigorous Measures against the common Enemy as shall demonstrate to all future ages the distinguished Zeal and Loyalty of this my Province of Maryland to their Sovereign and the cause of their Country Given at London under our hand and Greater Seal at Arms this sixth day of July in the twenty eighth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the second, and in the fourth year of our Dominion over the said Provinces, Annoque Domini One thousand Seven hundred and fifty four.

By his Lordships Command  
 Jacil. Calvert Secretary

George R.  
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George the second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the faith &c. To our trusty and wellbelovd Horatio Sharpe Esq. Greeting We Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty Sobriety & Experience in

Military affairs do by these presents constitute and appoint you to be Lieutenant Colonel of Foot in the West Indies, and do give and Grant unto you full Power and Authority to take your Rank as Lieutenant Colonel of Foot in the West Indies only and you are therefore to take upon you the said charge and command of Lieutenant Colonel of foot as aforesaid and carefully and Diligently to Discharge the duty thereof by doing and performing all and all manner of things thereunto belonging. and We do hereby command all Officers and Soldiers to obey you as Lieutenant Colonel of foot in the West Indies and you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall Receive from us, our Captain General of our Forces or any other your Superior Officer according to the Rules and Discipline of War in pursuance of the Trust We hereby Repose in you Given at our Court at Kensington the fifth day of July 1754 in the Twenty eighth year of our Reign

By his Majestys Command  
 J. Robinson

Entered with the Secretary at the  
 Law Office

Horatio Sharpe Esq. Lieutenant Colonel of foot in the West Indies.