

Be it Remembered, that, on Tuesday the sixth day of June, in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the Third^d. and in the Nineteenth Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Frederick Lord Baron of Baltimore, and so forth, Annoq^{ue} Domini 1769, At the Council Chamber, in the City of Annapolis, Appeared the Honourable Robert Eden Esq^r., and in the Presence of the Honourable John Ridout, Walter Dulany, and George Stuart Esq^r., Members of His Lordships Council, produced his said Lordships Commission, (which follows in these Words -)

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Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, ^{in America} Lord Baron of Baltimore in the Kingdom of Ireland. To Our Trusty and well beloved Brother Robert Eden Esquire, and to all others to whom these Presents shall come, or may any way concern, Greeting. Know Ye, That for and in Consideration of Our Regard and Affection which we bear to You the said Robert Eden, and reposing special Trust and Confidence in Your Loyalty, Prudence, Conduct, and Fidelity, We have Nominated, Constituted, and appointed, and, with the Approbation of his most sacred Majesty King George the Third, Do, by these Presents, Nominate, Constitute, and appoint You Our said Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden Lieutenant Governor and Chief Governor of the Provinces of Maryland, and Avalon, in America, and also Commander in Chief, both by Sea and Land, of all the Forces raised or to be raised within the Limits of the said Provinces, or the Islands, Territories, and Dominions thereunto belonging, and over all such Forces to appoint proper Officers, and them to Amove and Displace at Your Will and Pleasure, And further we do, by these Presents, Impower and Authorize You Our said Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden to call and Summon any General Assembly or Assembly, and them to Prorogue or Dissolve at Your own will and Pleasure, and likewise in Our Name, but with the Advice and Consent of the Council, and the Delegates of the Freemen in the said Provinces in Assembly convened to make and Enact such Laws as You and they shall think convenient, for the good Government of the Inhabitants in the said Provinces, as likewise to repeal or alter any Law or Laws whatsoever already Enacted in the said Provinces as You, with the Advice and Consent aforesaid, shall think fit and expedient. Provided that such Laws, so to be made and Enacted be not repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain, nor destructive or Invading of the Prerogative Royal, granted to the Lord Proprietary of the said Provinces; All which Laws You are hereby required to transmit to Us for Our Confirmation or Disallowance of them; And We do further, by these Presents, grant full Power and Authority to You, Our said Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden, to Exercise, Execute, and put in Practice, all and every other Power or Powers, Jurisdictions, and Authorities whatsoever granted in, and by the Letters Patents of his late Majesty King Charles the First, of Blessed Memory, unto the Right honourable Cecilius Calvert, Baron of Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns, in as ample a manner as if We were there Personally present, and generally to do, Execute, and Perform all manner of Matters and Things necessary for the good Order, Government, Administration, and Execution of Justice, the Maintenance of the just Rights and Prerogative of the Lord Proprietary of the said Provinces, and for the Defence, Peace, and