

and Preservation of the said Provinces, and the Inhabitants thereof. To Have and to Hold the said Offices, Stations, and Powers, with all and singular the Rights, Emoluments, and Privileges therunto belonging and appertaining, during Our Pleasure, Observing, Nevertheless, and performing such Orders and Instructions as we, from Time to Time, shall send to you Our Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden; Provided also that nothing, herein before contained, shall be Damed, Construed, or taken to extend, or give any Power or Authority to you the said Robert Eden, to Do Suffer, or Acquiesce in or agree unto any Thing by means or reason thereof we the said Lord Proprietary, or Our Heirs, may be Impeached, Hurt or Prejudiced in Our and their Royalties, Jurisdictions, Rights, Titles, Property, or Interest of in and to the said Provinces or any part thereof, anything herein before contained to the contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding. And lastly We do, by these Presents, Strictly Command and require all Persons, of what Degree and Condition soever, to pay ready and due Respect, Submission, and Obedience to our said Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden, as they will Answer the Contrary at their Utmost Peril.

Given at Baltimore House Westminster, under Our Hand and Greater Seal at Arms, this first Day of August in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the Third, and in the eighteenth Year of Our Dominion, One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty eight. —

R. B.  
Great Seal  
August 1<sup>st</sup>  
1768

Countersigned by His  
Lordships Commando — Hugh Hamersley Secretary —

On the back of the above Commission are the following Endorsements vizt:  
 This is Enrolled in the Remembrances of the Exchequer, at Westminster, of Our Sovereign Lord King George the Third, of the Ninth Year of his Reign, to wit / among the Common Matters of Michaelmas Term, the Roll in the Custody of the Kings Remembrancer —

Arbuthnot.

These are to Certify that the within named Robert Eden Esq<sup>r</sup> hath given Security, in the Office of His Majestys Remembrancer of his Exchequer, at Westminster, for the due Execution of his within mentioned Office, Pursuant to a Warrant from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majestys Treasury dated the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1760. —

Kings Remembrancer Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> of October 1760 — Geo: Arbuthnot.

The above Commission being Published and Read is Ordered to be Recorded in the Secretaries Office.

His Excellency the Governor then took the several Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province, as also the following Oath. —

I Robert Eden do swear that I will be true and faithful to the Right Honourable Frederick Lord Baron of Baltimore, the true and Absolute Lord and Proprietary of this Province of Maryland, and his Heirs, and him and them and his and their Right, Royal Jurisdictions, and Signories, all and every of them, into and over this his Province of Maryland, the Islands and Territories thereto belonging, I will at all times, Defend and Maintain to the utmost of my Power, and will never accept any Place, Office, or Employment