

At a Council held in the Council Chamber, on Monday  
the 12. day of June, in the Nineteenth Year of his Lordships Dominion,  
Anne Somers 1769. — Present:

His Excellency Robert Eden Esq. Governor.  
Benedict Shert Esq.  
Daniel Dulany Esq.  
John Ridout Esq.  
Walter Dulany Esq.  
John Deale Bordley Esq.  
George Stewart Esq.

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board the following Instructions which  
were Ordered to be Entered —

George R.

Orders and Instructions to Our Right Trusty  
and well beloved Frederick Lord Baltimore of Our Kingdom of Ireland,  
Lord Proprietary of Our Province of Maryland in America; in pur-  
suance of several Laws relating to the Trade and Navigation of this  
Our Kingdom of Great Britain, and Our Colonies and Plantati-  
ons in America. Given at Our Court at Saint James the Thir-  
tieth day of November 1760. — In the Ninth Year of Our Reign —

First, You shall give Directions, and take especial Care, that Robert Eden Esquire, \* \*  
Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of Maryland in America, do, in the first place, in-  
form himself of the Principal Laws relating to the Plantation Trade, and take a Solemn  
Oath to do his Utmost, that all the Clauses Matters and Things contained in all Acts of  
Parliament now in Force or that hereafter shall be made, relating to Our Colonies or Plan-  
tations, be punctually and bona fide observed according to the true intent and mean-  
ing thereof. —

2. And whereas by an Act made in the 7. and 8. Years of King William the  
Third, intituled "An Act for preventing Fraud and regulating Abuses in the Plantations  
Trade" the Officers appointed for Performance of certain things mentioned in an Act passed  
in the 15. Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second intituled, "An Act for the Encourag-  
ment of Trade;" commonly known by the Name of the Naval Officers, are to give Security to  
the Commissioners of Our Customs in Great Britain for the time being or such as shall be  
appointed by them for Our Use, for the true and faithful Performance of their Duty. He, the  
said Robert Eden, shall take Care, that the said Naval Officers do give such Security to the  
said Commissioners of Our Customs, or the Persons appointed by them, who are empowered to  
take the same in the manner thereby enjoined; And that he or they produce to the said  
Robert Eden a Certificate from them of this or their having given Security pursuant to  
a Clause in the said Act. And the said Robert Eden is not to admit any Per-  
son to Act as Naval Officer who does not within two Months, or as soon as conveniently  
may be after he has entered upon the Execution of his Office produce a Certificate of his  
having given such Security as aforesaid.

3. And whereas it is necessary for the more effectual dispatch of Merchants, and  
others, that the Naval Officers and the Collectors should reside at the same Ports or Towns,  
the said Robert Eden is therefore to Care, that this Regulation be Observed —