

fit to succeed in Our said Council, and You are not to fill up such Vacancy or Vacancies until you have received either Our Commission of Appointment or Approbation. But if the Council should be reduced below the Number of Six you are then at Liberty to Nominate and appoint any Member or Members so as to keep up the Number of Seven Resident in Our said Province reserving to Us a Power to approve or disapprove of such your Nomination and Appointment. In Your Choice and Nomination of the Members of Our Council and also of Our Judges Assistants Justices and Sheriffs You are to take care that they be Men of good Life and well affected to Our Church and State as by Law Established, and of good Estates and Abilities and not Necessitous Persons or much in Debt You are neither to Augment or Diminish the Number of Our said Council as it is already established, and You are to signify Our Pleasure to the Members of Our said Council that if any of them shall hereafter absent Themselves from Our said Province and continue absent above the space of Twelve Months together without Leave from You first obtained, or shall remain absent for the space of two Years or the greater part thereof successively without Our Leave given them under Our Seal at Arms, their place or places in Our said Council, shall be immediately thereupon void, and we will forthwith appoint others in their Stead.

4th You must strictly Act consonant to the Royal Charter from King Charles the first to Our Illustrious Ancestor Cecilius Baron of Baltimore and You are to uphold and maintain Our said Charter and all the Royal Privileges Rights Powers and Authorities thereby granted and Derived to Us to the Maintenance and support of Our just Rights and the true good Rule of Our Government both in Church and State as by Law Established, doing equal and impartial Justice unto all Persons. His most Sacred Majesty's Subjects and Our faithful Tenants committed by Our Powers to Your care.

5th You shall suffer no Law to pass that introduces the Statutes of England in this

6th You are to pass no Act of Assembly by which the Provision made for the Clergy in An Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship may be taken away; Nor are You to suffer any Act to pass for Dividing or Dismembering any Parish of the Province or any other Act by which the Incumbents may lose their Income Profits or the Provisions made for the Clergy on Account of such Taking away or giving to others during the Lives of the Incumbents without such Incumbent or Incumbents Consent; and You are to suffer no Private Act to Pass without Notice being first given to the Persons Concerned and Interested and Liberty given them to make their Defence; Nor any Private Act in which there is not a Saving of the Rights of Us and Our Heirs and all Bodies Politick and Corporate and all other Persons not Named in the Act.

7th You are not to give your Assent to any Bill in the Assembly which shall be Repugnant to the Laws of Great Britain nor to any Bill of an Unusual and extraordinary Nature and Importance wherein Our Charter, Privileges or the Property of his Majesty's Subjects may be prejudiced without having first transmitted to Us the Draft of such Bill and Our having signified Our Pleasure thereupon; or without taking care in the passing of any Act of an Unusual and extraordinary Nature that there be a Clause

Imposed.