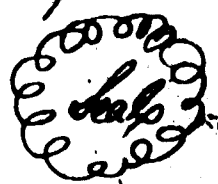


Then it is our Will that the President of the Council of our said Province for the time being shall Succeed to and be invested jointly with the two Surviving or remaining Commissioners in all the same Powers and Authorities as are thereby given to such Dying or Departing Commissioner together with the Two other Commissioners therein named and that as fully and amply as if he had been originally named therein.

13. That these Presents and our Commission of even Date be and remain in full force for three years to be computed from the Day of the Date of these Presents and no longer.

Given under our Hand and our Seal of Arms this Thirtieth day of September in the Twentieth Year of our Dominion of the said Provinces and in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy.

Counter signed by His Lordships  
Commanders Hugh Stammersley prov. Secy.

J. B. 

26<sup>th</sup> August 1774

Maryland<sup>th</sup> Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth - To all our Bailiffs and good People to whom these Presents shall come greeting Whereas at a County Court held in and for Baltimore County on the Monday before the first Tuesday of this instant August Negro Hannah late of the same County Labourer (the Slave of a certain Alexander Lawton) was indicted arraigned tried and found guilty of Wickedly Maliciously Willingly and Feloniously setting on Fire and attempting to burn the Dwelling House of the aforesaid Alexander Lawton in consequence whereof Sentence of Death hath been passed against her But inasmuch as it has been represented to us by the Justices of Baltimore County Court as aforesaid that the said Negro Hannah is Pregnant Know Ye therefore that We have thought fit to Suspend the Execution of the said Sentence and do hereby Suspend the same until such time as that the said Negro Hannah may be delivered of the Child wherewith she is now Pregnant or until our further Pleasure shall be known therein - Witness our Trusty and well beloved Brother Robert Eden Esq. Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over our said Province this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Twentieth Year of our Dominion Anno Domini 1774. -

Signed by Orders  
W. Scott<sup>th</sup> Secy

26<sup>th</sup> of August 1774

Maryland<sup>th</sup> Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth - To all our Bailiffs and good People to whom these Presents shall come greeting Know Ye that of our Especial Grace we have Pardoned unto Negro Jonathan late of Saint Marys County Labourer as a proper Object of our Mercy the Suit of our Peers and whatsoever appertaineth unto us for that he the said Negro Jonathan on the Fifth day of April in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One with Force and Arms and so forth at Saint Marys County