

Mr Deane and Mr Widdowson sent to the Council to signify to them the news that the House is ready to enter upon the conference thus they were contented and they were

The Messengers returned say they delivered their said message to the Council who for answer return that they will send the House notice when they are ready for the conference

Cot Hubertus comes from the Council and says they are ready to admit the House to the conference

The House thereupon break themselves into a Grand Committee and choose Mr Cheseldy as Chairman thereof and so go up upon the said conference

The Governor of Virginia coming on the Intermittion caused the said Conference to be deferred and thereupon they repaired to the State House again

Whereupon some short time after his Excellency handed his Excellency produced the following Commission to that Board viz

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William & Mary by the Grace of God King and Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Defenders of the Faith &c to our trusty and well Beloved Sir Edmond Andros Knight our Lieutenant & Governor General of our Colony and Dominion of Virginia in America Greeting Whereas by our Commission under our Great Seal of England bearing date the 27 of June in the third Year of our reign we have thought fit to constitute and appoint our trusty & well Beloved Lionel Copley Esq our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland in America and whereas by our Commission under our signet and sign manual we have appointed our trusty and well Beloved Captain Francis Nicholson to be our Lieutenant Governor of our said Province and Territory we reposing especial trust & Confidence in your Loyalty Courage and Circumspection do by these presents constitute & appoint you the said Edmond Andros upon the Death of the said Captain Francis Nicholson and in the absence of the said Col Lionel Copley to be Commander in Chief in and over our said Province and Territory of Maryland To have hold Exercise and Enjoy the Office and Place of Commander in Chief of our said Province and Territory of Maryland for and during our Pleasure with all the rights Privileges profits and Advantages to the same belonging and Appertaining in case of the Death of the said Captain Francis Nicholson and absence of the said Col Lionel Copley as aforesaid with full Power and Authority to execute and perform all & singular the Powers and Directions contained in our said Commission to the said Col Lionel Copley & such Instructions as we have already you shall hereafter from time to time send to him and we hereby command all and singular our Officers Ministers &