

Copy of his Lordships Letter to the Assembly read  
the first day  
Corus & Sigille

Dear Brother

I do hereby give you full Power and Au-  
thority from time to time in every General Assembly  
Summoned by you in the Province of Maryland in my  
name to give assent unto such Laws as you shall thinke  
fit and necessary for the Good Government of the said  
Province of Maryland and which shall be consented  
unto and approved of by the Free-men of that Province  
or the Major Part of them or their deputies assembled by  
you there from time to time for the enacting of Laws  
within that Province provided that the said Laws so  
to be assented unto be as narrow as conveniently may be agree-  
able & not contrary to the Laws of England by which  
Laws so to be assented unto by you in my name & consen-  
tal unto and approved of by the Free-men as aforesaid I  
do hereby declare shall be in force within the said Province  
all the way my heirs shall signify in me or their disassent  
thenceforth under the Great Seal of the said Province and  
no longer unless after the transmission thereof unto us  
and due Consideration had thereupon. For my heirs shall  
think fit to confirm the same Given under my hand  
& Seal at London in the Realm of England the 21 of  
August 1638

C. Baltimore

To my dear Brother W. Leonard  
Esq. my Lieutenant General  
of the Province of Maryland