

His Lordships Declaration  
Anno 1649

Cacilius &c<sup>o</sup> to our trusty and well Beloved William Stone Esq<sup>r</sup> our Lieutenant of our said Province of Maryland to those of our Council here and to the General Assembly of freemen of our said Province and to all others whom it may Concern Greeting &c<sup>o</sup> Whereas we sent a Body of Laws hither the last year by our Secretary Thomas Station under our hand and Great seal at arms containing 16 in number to be proposed by you our said Lieut<sup>o</sup> to the Assembly there for their consent thereunto together with a Commission thereunto annexed signed also by us and affixed to the same seal and bearing date the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1648 Whereby among other things was declared our assent to the said Laws upon such Conditions as were expressed in the said Commission which Laws we find are so just and Reasonable as that upon due Consideration they ought to be well liked of by all well affected men according as you and our Lieut<sup>o</sup> after your receipt of them upon Good Reason Affirmed to us by your Letter dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of February last nevertheless it seems through some misunderstanding there the General Assembly at a Session thereof holden at Saint Marys in April last were unwilling at that time to Consent to the Enacting of them all us Laws there which unwillingness in most of the said Assembly was occasioned chiefly as we are informed and have so much Cause to believe by the subtle suggestions of some who ought rather to have assisted in promoting all fitting inventions of preserving a good Correspondence rather than to Raise or cherish any Jealousies or