

Henry, mentioned in the said Letter, and we do hereby direct & require that you the said John Hart, and in your Absence the person first named in our Council (for the time being) do take such Order, & give such direction, to the proper Officers or persons most Capable to perform the same that the particulars desired in the said Letter relating to the boundaries may in the best manner possible Answer his Majesty's Service & the benefit of the Plantations & that you return the Accounts thereof to us. And you are hereby further required and directed to make known to the Manufacturers of Silk & Wax, the Encouragement designed them and the benefit proposed to their Kingdom & the Plantations.

At the next Session of Assembly you shall lay before the Upper & Lower houses our Speech herewith transmitted to you in Answer to their Address And you shall by all your Endeavours that the severall matters therein recommended be carried with We sorely believing every one of them Advantageous & profitable for the Publick.

3^d Whereas it has been found Inconvenient & almost impracticable by the ill health which you the said John Hart & your Family have Laboured under to leave the Province in that Part of the Year which by our former instructions you were appointed to do - You are hereby impowered to remaine in it, till may next (if you think fit) according to your Desire of your Letter of the 4th of Last July - But that notwithstanding his Majesty's goodness in approving of our request of your Departure on Account of your health, nor our licence permitting you to leave without our Command & require that you the said John Hart do leave the Province some time in the month of May (at farthest) which shall be in the Year of One thousand Seven hundred

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Twenty. Whereby you will have the better Opportunity to Explain & Justify those other reasons which you present his Majesty is not unacquainted with for your desiring to returne & we do maintain, that there is nothing due to you by the said Law for the Support of Government without having given the least ground to imagine that his Majesty's Grace & favour intended to you is Evaded by totally removing you from your Office instead of giving you leave to be absent from it (which we shall do when we think fit) most unadvised (to give it no worse Term) Declaration of yours on the Opinion of our Council giving that by the said Law, there is no provision made for you during your Absence. In which Point we will not assent, that the good people of Maryland bound for by their Allegiance to his Majesty & the duty they owe to us, and themselves, will so unanimously & stoutly assist those in whose hands We with his Majesty's approbation, have thought fit to intrust the Administration of the Government, that in case of Foreign Invasion, Insurrections, Famines, or further Instructions from Great Britain the Peace of the Province will be duly maintained, and every man's Property protected.

As soon as conveniently may be, after the receipt hereof, our will is, that those our instructions be laid before our Council solemnly called together to be entered in their Journals, And the person first named of our Council taking upon him the Administration of the Government during the absence of the said John Hart our Lieut. Governour, to whom we have sent a Duplicate hereof is hereby impowered to do & execute the severall Powers & Instructions now and formerly sent or hereafter to be sent, as Occasion and his Duty shall require.

Baltimore
Guilford

Gentlemen of the Upper
and Lower houses of Assembly

In due Consideration of the act of Assembly Intituled an Act for ascertaining the bounds of Land within the Province. We find it absolutely necessary to Recommend to you, to Explain or Redact the said Law, that whilst you are Endeavouring to Secure & Quit Men in their Possession, You do not so

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