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4. As soon as conveniently may be, after the receipt thereof our will is, that these our instructions be laid before our Council solemnly called together to be entered on 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 empowered to do and execute the severall powers and 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

On 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 re enact the said Law, that whilst you are endeavouring to secure and Sett Men in their possession, you do not so bind them down to the determination of Commissioners to be appointed by virtue of the said Act as to make their sentence final, without Appeal (Except conditionally to His Majesty in Council as by the said Act is provided to whose sacred person every man ought to be at liberty to address themselves without our intermeddling therewith by Acts of Assembly) whereby in a manner you even shut up the Courts of Justice which can never correspond with the liberty of a free people or be deem consonant to the laws of Great Britain the Standard by which we are obliged to govern our Council.

Among the severall laws made at a Session of Assembly in May last we have thought fitt to dissent to the Act intituled an Act for release of John Beale of Charlestown - Gent. and Richard Beal a minor and do hereby declare the same null, void and of no effect for as much as the Legislature of Great Britain never interfers to dispose of property without the Consent of all parties leaving every Mans rights to be ruled by the Known Laws of the Land.

And as we can never more certainly demonstrate the real confidence we have in the good people of Maryland than by truly communicating our sentiments on the proceedings of you their Representatives, we now signify that altho we have not yett dissented to the late Act made for limitation of Officers fees yett we cannot in our Judgment approve thereof, well knowing that tis neither for our Honour or the peoples interest, in the despatch of their business that publick Ministers should be deprived of those allowances which by law they have enjoyed, and which ought not to be sufficient to pay them for their labours but large enough to encourage industry and integrity in Men of ability to administer the affairs of the government