

The CHARTER of

Servants or Assigns to Transport all and singular, their Goods, Wares and Merchandize; as likewise, all sorts of Grain whatsoever, and any other Things whatsoever, necessary for Food or Clothing (not prohibited by the Laws and Statutes of our Kingdoms and Dominions to be carried out of the said Kingdoms) without any let or molestation of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, or of any the Officers of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, (saving always to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, the Impositions, Customs, and other Duties and Payments for the said Wares and Merchandize) any Statute, Act, Ordinance or other thing whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

Power of War and Peace.

AND because in so Remote a Country, and situate amongst so many Barbarous Nations, the Incurfions, as well of the Salvages themselves, as of other Enemies, Pyrates and Robbers, may probably be feared, Therefore, We have Given, and for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Do Give Power by these Presents, unto the now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs or Assigns, by Themselves, or their Captains, or other their Officers, to Levy, Muster and Train all sorts of Men of what Condition or wheresoever born, in the said Province of Maryland for the time being, and to make War, and to pursue the Enemies and Robbers aforesaid, as well by Sea as by Land, Yea, even without the Limits of the said Province, and (by God's assistance) to Vanquish and Take them, and being taken, to put them to Death by the Law of War, or to save them at their Pleasure and to do all and every other thing which unto the Charge and Office of a Captain-General of an Army belongeth, or hath accustomed to belong, as fully and freely, as any Captain-General of an Army, hath ever had the same.

Martial Law.

ALSO, Our Will and Pleasure is, and by this Our Charter, We Do Give unto the said now Lord Baltimore, his Heirs and Assigns, full Power, Liberty and Authority, in case of Rebellion, Tumult or Sedition if any should happen, (which God forbid) either upon the Land, within the Province aforesaid or upon the main Sea, in making a Voyage thither, or returning from thence, by themselves, or their Captains, Deputies, or other Officers, to be Authorized under their Seals for that Purpose (to whom We also, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Do Give and Grant by these Presents, full Power and Authority) to exercise Martial Law against Mutinous and Seditious Persons of those parts, such as shall refuse to submit themselves to his or their Government, or shall refuse to serve in the Wars or shall fly to the Enemy, or forsake their Ensigns, or be Loyterers or Straglers, or otherways however Offending against the Law, Custom and Discipline Military, as freely and in as ample manner and form, as any Captain-General of an Army, by Virtue of his Office, might, or hath accustomed to use the same.

Power to confer Honour.

Furthermore, That the way to Honours and Dignities, may not seem to be altogether precluded and shut up, to men well-born, and such as shall prepare themselves unto this present Plantation, and shall desire to deserve well of Us, and Our Kingdoms, both in Peace and War, in so far distant and remote a Country; Therefore