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ther by him the said now Lord *Baltimore*, and his Heirs, or by his or their Deputies, Lieutenants, Judges, Justices, Magistrates, Officers, and Ministers, to be ordained or appointed, according to the Tenor and true Intention of these Presents; and likewise to appoint and establish any Judges and Justices, Magistrates and Officers, whatsoever, at Sea and Land, for what Cause soever, and with what Power soever, and in such Form, as to the said now Lord *Baltimore*, or his Heirs shall seem most convenient; also to remit, release, pardon, and abolish, whether before Judgment or after, all Crimes or Offences whatsoever against the said Laws; and to do all and every other Thing or Things, which unto the compleat Establishment of Justice, unto Courts, Prætories, and Tribunals, Forms of Judicature, and Manners of Proceedings do belong, altho' in these Presents express mention be not made thereof; and by Judges by them delegated, to award Process, hold Pleas, and determine in all the said Courts and Tribunals, all Actions, Suits, and Causes whatsoever, as well criminal as civil, personal, real, mix'd, and prætorial; which Laws, so as aforesaid to be published, Our Pleasure is, and so We enjoin, require, and command, shall be most absolute and available in Law; and that all the liege People and Subjects of Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do observe and keep the same inviolably, in those Parts, so far as they concern them, under the Pains therein expressed, or to be expressed. *Provided nevertheless*, That the said Laws be consonant to Reason, and be not repugnant or contrary, but as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the Laws, Statutes, Customs, and Rights, of this Our Kingdom of *England*.

Agreeable to Reason and the Laws of *England*.

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AND forasmuch as, in the Government of so great a Province, sudden Accidents do often happen, whereunto it will be necessary to apply a Remedy, before the Freeholders of the said Province, their Delegates, or Deputies, can be assembled to the making of Laws; neither will it be convenient, that instantly, upon every such emergent Occasion, so great a Multitude should be called together; therefore, for the better Government of the said Province, We will and ordain, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant unto the said now Lord *Baltimore* and his Heirs, that he the said now Lord *Baltimore* and his Heirs, by themselves, or by their Magistrates and Officers, in that Behalf duly to be ordained, as aforesaid, may make and constitute fit and wholesome Ordinances, from Time to Time, within the said Province, to be kept and observed, as well for the Preservation of the Peace, as for the better Government of the People there inhabiting, and publicly to notify the same to all Persons, whom the same doth, or any way may concern; which Ordinances, Our Pleasure is, shall be observed inviolably within the said Province, under the Pains therein to be expressed, so as the said Ordinances be consonant to Reason, and be not repugnant nor contrary, but so far as conveniently may be, agreeable with the Laws and Statutes of our Kingdom of *England*, and so as the said Ordinances be not extended, in any Sort, to bind, charge, or take away the Right or Interest