

there cannot subsist and continue in peace & safety without some good govern<sup>t</sup> to be ordeined and established as well for the cherishing of the vertuous and orderly, as for the punishm<sup>t</sup> of the lewd and disorderly persons there; and calling to mind the faithfull and laudable services done by o<sup>r</sup> said deare brother Leonard Calvert Esq, as well in the adventure of his person in the first discent & settling of o<sup>r</sup> Colony within o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland as in the ordering & advancing of the same by his personall residence within the same o<sup>r</sup> said Province, wherein he hath manifested to the satisfaction of o<sup>r</sup> selfe and of our colony there, such wisdom, fidelity, industry & other vertues as render him capable & worthy of the trust hereby by vs intended to be reposed in him; have nominated constituted ordeined authorised established & by these p<sup>nts</sup> doe nominate ordeine constitute authorise & establish the said Leonard Calvert in the absence of vs and o<sup>r</sup> heires o<sup>r</sup> Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Gräll, Admirall, cheife Captaine & Comander aswell by sea as by land of o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland & the Ilands to the same belonging. And we doe by these p<sup>nts</sup> grant vnto him the cheife comandm<sup>t</sup> & absolute authority above & in all matters of warfare by sea and land, to exequite & administer the same to the resistance of the enemies, or suppression of mutinies & insolencies, as o<sup>r</sup> said Lieut<sup>nt</sup> shall think most commodious for the preservation of o<sup>r</sup> said Province, and to doe all such things as doe belong or apperteine to the office of a Generall, Admirall, cheife Captaine & Comander in as large & ample manner to all intents & purposes as we our selfe might doe if we were psonally p<sup>nt</sup> by force or vertue of the lr<sup>es</sup> Patents to vs granted by o<sup>r</sup> Soveraigne Lord King Charles vnder the great Seale of England bearing date at westm<sup>r</sup> the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the 8<sup>th</sup> yeare of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> reigne. To have hold exequite & administer the same with such & as ample power and authority as we if we were there psonally p<sup>nt</sup> might doe or exequite the same by force or vertue of the lr<sup>es</sup> Pattents aforesaid, vntill we shall signifie o<sup>r</sup> pleasure to the contrary.

And we doe hereby further ordeine & command all such as shalbe hereafter sworne of our Counsell within o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland, all Captaines Officers and souldiers aswell by sea as by land whom it doth or may concerne, all o<sup>r</sup> officers receivers bailiffs Marshalls & all other inhabitants of o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland of what quality & condition soever. That they & every of them doe acknowledge the said Leonard Calvert in the quality of Lieut<sup>t</sup> Gräll Admirall cheife Captaine & Comander over all o<sup>r</sup> foresaid Province of Maryland and the Ilands & members of the same, and doe honour respect & obey him as they ought to doe vpon paine of such punishm<sup>t</sup> to