

according to their best discretion, in as ample maner as we o<sup>r</sup> selves were we p<sup>nt</sup> could inquire heare & determine the same, & to award exequution accordingly. Liber P. R.

Substitut. And lastly whereas o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> may happen to dye or be absent from time to time out of the s<sup>d</sup> prov. of M. before we can have notice to depute another in his place we doe therefore hereby grant vnto him o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> full power & auth<sup>ty</sup> from time to time in such cases to noiāte elect & appoint such an able p<sup>son</sup> inhabiting & residing within o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> prov. of M. as he in his discretion shall make choice of & think fitt to be o<sup>r</sup> Le<sup>t</sup> grāll, Chancell<sup>r</sup> keep of o<sup>r</sup> great Seale there, Admirall, cheife iustice ma<sup>g</sup>rate & Comder aswell by sea as by land of o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> prov: of M. & of the llands to the same belonging, during the absence of vs & o<sup>r</sup> heires, & of him o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> out of the s<sup>d</sup> prov. & in as large & ample maner as we have by these p<sup>nts</sup> authorised him o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> to governe for the p<sup>nt</sup>. And in case o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> L<sup>t</sup> shall happen to dye or be absent out of o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> prov. of M. & shall faile to make choice of nōiate & appoint some p<sup>son</sup> to be o<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> &c, we doe hereby grant vnto o<sup>r</sup> Councill<sup>rs</sup> there for the time being, or the greater p<sup>t</sup> of them full power & auth<sup>ty</sup> from time to time in every such case to nōiate elect & appoint such an able p<sup>son</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> shall then be of o<sup>r</sup> Councill there & inhabiting & residing within o<sup>r</sup> said prov: of m as they or the greater p<sup>t</sup> of them shall make choice of & think fitt to be o<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> &c. w<sup>ch</sup> p<sup>son</sup> so to be chosen & appointed in any of the cases aforesaid, we doe hereby declare shalbe o<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> &c. during the absence of o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> brother or vntill we or o<sup>r</sup> heires shall signify o<sup>r</sup> pleasure to the contrary & no longer. To w<sup>ch</sup> L<sup>t</sup> &c. so to be elected nōiated & appointed as afores<sup>d</sup> we doe hereby grant the like power & auth<sup>ty</sup> in all causes & things as we have by these p<sup>nts</sup> given & granted vnto o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> brother: hereby comanding o<sup>r</sup> Councill<sup>rs</sup> Captaines Soldiers & officers for the time being & the people of the s<sup>d</sup> prov. of M. & all others whom it may concerne, to be obedient vnto him in all things matters & causes as we have in & by these p<sup>nts</sup> commanded them to be obedient vnto o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> brother o<sup>r</sup> p<sup>nt</sup> L<sup>t</sup> vpon paine of such punishm<sup>t</sup> to be inflicted on them & every of them as such a highe contempt shall deserve. Given vnder o<sup>r</sup> great seale of o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Prov: of M. at o<sup>r</sup> ffort of S<sup>t</sup> Maries within o<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> prov: on the                      day of                      1644.

Commission for the                      Cecilius &c. To o<sup>r</sup> deare brother  
Councill.                      Leonard Calvert Esq, o<sup>r</sup> L<sup>t</sup> of o<sup>r</sup> said  
pro: of M. & to o<sup>r</sup> trusty & welbeloved Giles Brent, John  
Lewger, Thomas Greene, Thomas Gerard, and James Neale  
Esq<sup>res</sup> greeting. Know ye that we reposing speciall trust &  
confidence in yo<sup>r</sup> wisdomes diligence & expience, have  
assigned & appointed you iointly & every of you severally to