

Liber C. B. stitute Ordain authorise and establish the said William Stone our Lieutenant chief Governor General Admiral Marshall chief Captain and Commander as well by Sea as by Land of our said Province of Maryl<sup>d</sup> and the Islands to the same belonging and by these presents do Grant unto him the chief Commandm<sup>t</sup> and absolute Authority under us above and in all matters of warfare by Sea and Land to execute and administer the same to the resistance of the enemies or supression mutinies and insolencies as our said Lieutenant shall think most Commodious for the preservation of our said Province and our rights and dominion there and to do all such things as do belong or appertain to the Office of a Lieutenant General Chief Governor General Admiral Marshall Admiral chief Captain or Commander under us of the said Province of Maryland in as large and ample manner to all intents and purposes (except hereafter excepted) as we our self might do if we were personally present to have hold execute and administer the same with such and as ample Power and Authority as if we were personally pres<sup>t</sup> to have hold execute and Administer the same with such and as ample Power and Authority as if We were personally present might do or execute the same (except hereafter excepted) until We or Our Heirs shall signify Our or their pleasure to the Contrary and we do hereby further Ordain and Command all such as shall hereafter be sworn of our Council within our said Province of Maryland all Commanders Captains Officers and Soldiers as well by Sea as by Land whom it doth or may Concern all our Officers Receivors Bailiffs Marshalls and all other Persons whatsoever within our said Province of Maryland of what quality and Condition soever they be that they and every of them do acknowledge the said William Stone in the quality of our Lieu<sup>t</sup> Chief Governor General Admiral chief Captain and Commander under us over all our said Province of Maryl<sup>d</sup> and the Islands and members of the same and do Honour Respect and Obey him as they ought to do upon pain of such punishment to be inflicted upon them and every of them as such a high Contempt of disobedience & Neglect shall deserve and to the end no person within our said Province of Maryland shall pretend ignorance hereof we do Command that this our Commission and Ordinance be be proclaimed and published within our said Province at the Places accustomed to proclaim and publish our edicts and Ordinances Commanding him our said Lieutenant to proceed to punish all Contemners and neglectors of the same in such strict and severe manner as we our self might do if we were there personally present and that without favour or Connivance and we do further by these presents make Constitute Ordain & establish the said William Stone to be our

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