

Whereas upon the Death of Lyonel Copley Esq^r late Governor of Maryland, S^r Edmond Andros Knight Governor of Virginia in their Maties names did Assume and take upon him the Government and Chief Comand of this Province by Virtue of a Comission from their Maties bearing Date the third day of March Anno Domini one Thousand six hundred and ninety one in the fourth year of their Māties reigne under their Signett and Signe Manuall, wherein and whereby their Majesties were pleased by those presents to Constitute & appoint the said S^r Edmond Andros upon the Death of Cap^t Francis Nicholson and in the Absence of the said Lyonel Copley (and not otherwise) to be Comānder in Chief in and over this Province and by Virtue thereof the said S^r Edmund Andros in their Mātys name by his Proclamation bearing Date the Twenty fifth day of September one Thousand six hundred ninety and three in the fifth year of their Mātics reigne reciteing That whereas by the Death of the said Lyonell Copley their Maties late Cap^t General and Governo^r in Chiefe in and over this their Province of Maryland and the Absence of Cap^t Francis Nicholson their Maties Liev^t Governo^r of the same the Chief Comānd and Government of the said Province was Committed to the Charge and Conduct of him the said S^r Edmond Andros Kn^t their Maties Liev^t and Governo^r Generall of their Colony and Dominion of Virginia he the said S^r Edmund Andross thereby did Proclaime and Declare That all Officers Civill and Military should hould and Continue their Severall and respective places and Offices by the same as in and by the said Comission and Proclamation remaining upon Record in the Councill Records more att large may Appear and because upon reading and inquireing into a Certain Comission of their Māties bearing Date the Twenty fourth day of February Ano Domini one Thousand six hundred Ninety and one. To Captaine Francis Nicholson Appointing & Constituting the said Francis Nicholson Liev^t Governor of and in this Province and upon the Death of the said Lyonell Copley to Exercise and Execute the severall powers & Authoritys in the said Commission to the said Governor Copley, it appears to us That their Māties had made Express provision that the said Liev^t Governor Nicholson upon the Death of the said Lyonel Copley Esq^r should Succeed to the Chiefe Comānd in this Province and if not present upon the place att the Death of the said Lyonell Copley That the Councill should take upon them the Government of the Province whereof the first in Councill to preside neither doth the said Comission to the said S^r Edmund Andros Sufficiently Authorize the s^d S^r Edmund Andros to take upon him the Government afores^d but upon the Death of the said Francis

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