

A Commission from the Lord Proprietary Liber C. B.
Constituting William Stone Esq^r his Lieu- p. 168
tenant &c^a of Maryland

Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a to all the Inhabitants and People in Maryland and to all others whom these presents shall Come and any ways Concern Greeting Know yee that we for divers especial Causes and Considerations us thereunto moving have revoked and determined & by these presents do declare that We do hereby revoke & absolutely determine all former Commissions heretofore Granted unto our dear Brother Leonard Calvert Esq^r late Governor of Maryland deceased or to any other Person or Persons whatsoever concerning the Government of the said Province of Maryland & all Power and Authority by us thereby Granted unto him or them or to any other of our Council or to any other person or persons whatsoever in or by the said p. 169 Commissions or any of them and also all Power heretofore Given to our said Brother or any other Person or Persons by the said Commissions or any of them or otherwise of enacting or Assenting unto any Laws or Ordinances in our name within our said Province of Maryland and we do likewise hereby discharge all and every Person and Persons whatsoever from our Council and to be of our Council within the said Province of Maryland which heretofore have been of our Council there nevertheless considering and well knowing that the People there cannot subsist and Continue in peace and safety without some good Government to be ordain'd and established as well for the cherishing of the Vertuous and Orderly as for the punishment of the Lewd and disorderly Persons there and whereas our trusty and well Beloved William Stone now or late of Northampton County in Virginia Esq^r hath undertaken in some short time to procure five hundred People of British or Irish discent to Come from other places and plant and reside within our said province of Maryland for the advancement of our Colony there and being Confident of his Wisdom Fidelity Industry Integrety and other Virtues which Render him Capable and worthy of the Trust hereby by us intended to be reposed in him have nominated Constituted ordained authorised and established and by these presents do Nominate Con-