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time hereafter be granted or appointed you under our signet and sign manuall or by Our Order in our Privy Councill and according to such reasonable Laws and Statutes as now are in fforce or hereafter shall be made and agreed upon by You with the Advice and Consent of the Councill and Assembly of our said Province under your Government in such manner and Form as is hereafter expressed.

And we do hereby give and Grant full Power unto you the said Lionel Copley, after you shall have first taken an Oath for the due execution of the Office and Trust of our Captain Generall and Governor in Chief in and over our said Province and Territory of Maryland and the Islands depending thereon (which our Councill or any five of them have hereby full Power and Authority and are required to administer unto you) to give and Administer to each of the Members of our said Councill, as well the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and supremacy and the Test, as the Oaths for the due execution of their Places and Trust.

And we do hereby give and grant unto you full Power and Authority to suspend any of the members of our said Councill from sitting, voting and assisting therein, if you shall find just cause for so doing—

And if it shall at any time happen, that by the death, departure out of our said Province or suspension of any of our Councillors, there shall be a vacancy in our said Councill (any three wherof we do hereby appoint to be a Quorum) Our Will and Pleasure is, that you signify the same unto us by the first opportunity that we may under our signet and sign Manuall constitute and appoint others in their stead.

But that our affaires at that distance may not suffer want of a due number of Councillors if ever it shall happen that there be less than seven of them residing in our said Province, We do hereby give and grant unto you full Power and authority to choose as many persons out of the Principall Freemen, Inhabitants thereof as will make up the full number of our said Councill to be seaven and no more. Which Persons by vertue of such choice shall be to all intents and purposes Councillors in our said Province, untill they shall be confirmed by Us, or that by the nomination of others by Us, under our sign Manuall and signet the said Councill shall have seaven persons in it

And we do hereby give and Grant unto you full Power and Authority with the Advice and consent of our said Councill, from time to time as need shall require, to summon and call Generall Assemblies of the Freemen within your Government according to usage of our Province and Territory of Maryland.