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ing and unloading of Goods and Merchandises as by you with the Advice and Consent of the said Councilll shall be thought fit and necessary And in them or any of them to erect nominate and appoint custom houses, Warehouses and Officers relating thereunto and them to alter change or displace from time to time as with the Advice aforesaid shall be thought fit.

We further by these presents will, require and command you to take all possible care for the discountenance of vice and Encouragement of vertue and good living, that by such example the infidells may be invited and desire to partake of the Christian Religion.

And We do hereby require and command all Officers and Ministers Civill and Military and all other Inhabitants of our said Province and Territory to be obedient, aiding and assisting unto you the said Lionel Copley in the execution of this our Commission and of the Powers and Authoritys therein contained. And in case of your death or absence out of Our said Province, unto such Person as shall be appointed by Us to be commander in Chief To whom we do therefore by these Presents give and grant all and singular the Powers and Authoritys aforesaid, to be executed and enjoyed by him during Our Pleasure or untill your arrivall within our said Province of Maryland, and if upon such death or absence there be no Person upon the Place commissioned or appointed by Us, to be Commander in Chief Our Will and Pleasure is that the present Councilll of that our Province do take upon them the Administration of the Government and execute this commission and the severall Powers and Authoritys herein contained and that the first Councillor who shall be at the time of your death or absence residing within our Province of Maryland do Preside in our said Councilll with such Powers and Preheminences as any former President hath used and Enjoyed within our said Province or any other our Plantations in America untill Our Pleasure be further knowne or your arrivall as aforesaid.

Lastly We do hereby declare, ordaine and appoint that you the said Lionel Copley shall and may hold execute and enjoy the Office and Place of Captain Generall and Governor in Chief in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland together with all and singular the Powers and Authoritys hereby Granted unto you for and during Our Will and Pleasure.

The Warrant signed by the Queen and dated the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1690/91.

The Great Seal dated the 27<sup>th</sup> Iune 1691.

[Indorsed] Coll. Copley's Comission with the approbation of my Lord Chief Justice Holt 1690/1