

All ministers Civil and military and all other Inhabitants in our Said Provinces and Territory to be obedient
 Aiding and assisting unto you the Said Nathaniell Blackston in the Execution of this our Commission and of
 powers and authorities therein contained and in case of your Death or Absence unto the Said Provinces to be obedient
 aiding and assisting of such persons as shall be appointed by us to be Commanders in Chief of the Said Provinces
 to whom we do give and Grant. Therefore by these presents Give and Grant all and singular the powers and
 authorities aforesaid to be executed and enjoyed by him during our Pleasure or until your Arrival all within the Said
 Provinces of Maryland And if upon the Death or Absence of you the Said Nathaniell Blackston out of the Said
 Provinces of Maryland there be no person Commissioned or appointed by us to be Commander in Chief of the
 Said Provinces Our Will and Pleasure is that the then present Council in that Province do take upon them
 the Administration of the Governm^t and Execute this Commission and the several powers herein contained
 and that the first Councillor who shall be at the Time of your Death or Absence Residing within the Said Provinces
 of Maryland do Reside in the Said Council with such Powers and Preeminencies as our former President hath
 used and enjoyed within the Said Provinces or any other Plantations in America until our Pleasure be further
 known or your Arrival as aforesaid. Lastly we do hereby Declare ordain and appoint that you the
 Said Nathaniell Blackston shall and may lawfully Execute and Enjoy the office and place of Captain General and
 Govern^r in Chief in and over our Said Provinces and Territory of Maryland together with all and singular the Powers
 and authorities hereby Granted unto you Inceadually upon your Arrival all within the Said Provinces and Subdi-
 vision of this our Commission During our Will and Pleasure and that our Commission to Francis Muddison Esq^r to be
 Captain General and Govern^r in Chief of our Said Provinces and Territory of Maryland do thereupon
 cease and become void In Witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent
 Witness Thomas Arch Bishop of Canterbury and the other Guardians and Justices of the Realm
 at Westminister the Nineteenth Day of October in the Tenth Year of our Reign
 Per Breve de Privato Sigillo

Prince Georges County

The Deposition of Cott. Ninian Beall Aged about Seventy six years taken this twelfth Day of April Anno: 1698

The deponent Came to a white Oak and put his hand thereon and Swore that he bounded the same for the N.W. Corner tree of a peell of land Called the Vale of Benjamin formerly laid out for M^r. Benjamin Wells, and after Came to a white Oak standing in the west line he saith he bounded a white Oak in the said land but after finding it not to be Square, ran one hundred and sixteen pikes to another white Oak for that purpose, Charles Boteler being the Surveyor.

Jurat Coram Nobis
 Robert Tyler
 Thomas Sprigg Jun^r
 Sam^l. Magruder