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Shall be appointed by our Lieutenant Governour & us to be
 our Governour in Chief of our said province to whom we doo
 therefore by these presents give and grant all and singular
 the powers and authorities herein granted to be by him
 executed and enjoyed during our pleasure or untill your
 arrivall within our said province of Maryland, And
 if upon your death or absence, out of our said province of
 Maryland there be no person upon the place Commissioned
 or appointed by us to be our Lieutenant Governour or
 Commandor in Chief of our said province Our will and
 Pleasure is that the eldest Councillor whose name is
 first placed in our said Instructions to you and who shall
 be at the time of your death or absence residing in
 our said province shall take upon him the administratⁿ
 of the government and execute our said Commissⁿ and
 Instructions, and the severall powers and authorities
 therein contained in the manner and to all intents and
 purposes as otherwise our Governour or Commandor in
 Chief should or ought to do in case of your absence untill
 your return or in all cases untill our further pleasure
 be known therein, And wee do hereby declare ordain
 and appoint that you the said John Hart shall and
 may hold execute and enjoy the office and place of
 Cap^t Generall and Governour in Chief in and over
 our said Province and territory of Maryland together
 with all and singular the powers and authorities hereby
 granted unto you for and during our will and pleasure
 In Witness whereof we have caused these our letters
 to be made patents Witness our self at westminster
 the twelfth day of February in the twelfth year of our
 Reign.

By writt of privy seal

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