agt. Butler
Thomas Smith
Edward Beckler

These are in the Lord Proprietors name to will and require you that immediately you attach or cause to be attached the persons of John Butler Thomas Smith and Edward Beckler of the Ile of Kent planters and them to keep in safe custodie without baile or mainprise; and to have them before me at St. Maries wth all convenient speed there to answere the severall crimes of sedition, pyracie and murther wch salbe on the Lord Proprietors behalfe obiected against them respectively: and for so doing this salbe yr warrant. Given &c. ut sup.

wt to Capt: Evelin touching the generall Assembly.

After my hearty commendations &c. whereas my deare brother the Lord Proprietor of his Province hath by his Commission to me directed in that behalfe bearing date at London in the Realme of England, the 15th day of April 1637. appointed a gvall assembly of all the freemen of his Province to be held at his towne of St. Maries on the five and twentieth day of January next. These are therefore in his Lords name to will and require you (all exposes sett apart) to make your personall repaire to the fort of St. Maries on the said five and twentieth day of January, then and there to consult and advise of the affaires of his Province. And further to will and require you at some convenient time when you shall thinke fitt within 6. daies after the receipt hereof at the furthest, to assemble all the freemen inhabiting within any part of yr jurisdiction: and then and there to publish and proclaime the said generall Assembly; and to endeavour to perswade such and so many of the said freemen as you shall thinke fitt to repaire personally to the said assembly at the time & place prefixed; and to give free power & liberty to all the rest of the said freemen either to be put at the said assembly if they so please, or otherwise to elect and nominate such and so many persons as they or the maior part of them so assembled shall agree upon to be the deputies or burgesses for the said freemen in their name and steed to advise and consult of such things as salbe brought into deliberation in the said assembly; and to enter all the severall votes or suffrages upon record; and the record thereof and of whatsoever you shall doe in any the premises to bring along with you, and exhibite it at the day and place prefixed to the Secretary of the Province for the time being. And for so doing this salbe yr warrant. Given at St. Maries this 30th day of January 1637.

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Leonard Calvert Governr of Maryland, to my good friend Captaine George Evelin of the Ile commonly called Kent within this Province, greeting. Whereas I am willing to provide for the good governt of the said Ile of Kent being of right a member of his Province; therefore reposing especiall confidence in the trust wisdome & well approved experience of you the said George Evelin, I doe by these presents authorise constitute and appoint you to be Commander of the said Island & the inhabitants thereof, giving and granting hereby unto you full power & authority to elect and chuse any six or more able and sufficient men inhabitants of the said Island as you in your discretion shall thinke fitt with whom you shall advise and consult in all matters of importance; and to call a Court or Courts as often as there salbe cause, and in the said Courts to award all manner of processe, hold pleas, and to heare & finally to determine all causes & actions whatsoever citill happening and arising betweene any the inhabitants of the said Island not exceeding in damages or demaunds the value of ten pounds sterling; as also to heare & finally determine all matters & offences whatsoever criminall happening & committed within the said Island wch may be heard & determined by any Justices of peace in England in their Court of Sessions not extending to life or member. And doe further authorise you to doe use and exequute all and all manner of jurisdiction & authority whatsoever for the conservation of the peace within the said Island as any Justice of peace in England may or ought to doe by vertue of his Commission for the peace; and further to elect and appoint all necessary officers for the exequution of justice & conservation of the peace there with allowance of such fees as are usually belonging to the same or the like offices in virginia; and to doe all other things and acts wch salbe necessary for the exequution of the power & jurisdiction hereby committed unto you. Given at St. Maries this 30th day of December; anno dni 1637.

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