At their Majestyes Plantation Court held for the Province of Mary-land at the City of St Mary's the 8th day of Aprill in the fourth year of the reigne of their said Majestyes King William and Queene Mary &c. Anno Dñi 1692:

Present

Nehemiah Blakiston Esq.
Henry Jowles Esq.
Thomas Tucker Esq.
Mr. John Edmondson

Mr. Hon.

Justices

W. Taylor Clerk

The Court adjourned till to Morrow morning, Nine a Clock.

The Sixth day of Aprill Anno Dñi 1692: The Court met again: and were present:

His Excellency Lionell Copley Esq. Capt. General &c.

Coll. Nehemiah Blakiston
Coll. Henry Jowles
Mr. Thomas Tucker

Esq.

Mr. Hon.

Then were their Majestyes Commission to his Excellency for Government of this Province Read, and Ordered to be Recorded as follows viz.

William and Mary by the grace of God King and Queene of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland Defender of the faith &c. To our trusty and well-beloved Lionell Copley Esq. Greeting. Whereas by reason of great neglect and miscarriages in the Government of our Province and Territory of Maryland in America the same have fallen into disorder and confusion by reason of not duely the publick peace and the administration of Justice lotteries the property of our Subjects should be preserved there is broken and violated but also there is another want of provision for the Guard and defence of the said Country against our Enemyes and thereby the same is exposed and like to be lost from the Crown of England And lastly our said Province and our good Subjects the Inhabitants thereof cannot be defended and secured by any other meanes then by our taking the Government thereof into our own hands and into our immediate care We therefore reposing Speciall trust and confidence in the prudence courage and loyalty of you the said Lionell Copley out of our Speciall grace certaine knowledge and

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