mere motion Have thought fitt to constitute and appoynt and by
this presents Do constitute and appoynt You the said Lionell Copley
to be our Capt. Generall and Governor in Chiefe in and over our said
Province and Territory of Maryland in America And We do hereby
require and comand you to do and execute all things in due manner
that shall belong unto your said Comand and the trust We have
reposed in you according to the severall powers and authorities
directions granted or appoynted you by this present Commission
and the Instructions herewith given you or by such further power
Instructions and authority as shall at any time hereafter be
granted or appoynted You under our Signett and Sign manual
or by Our order in our privy Councill and according to such
reasonable Lawes and Statutes as now are in force or hereafter
shall be made and agreed upon by you with the advice and consent
of the Councill of our said Province under your Government in such
manner and forme as is hereafter expressed And We do hereby
give and grant full power and authority unto you the said Lionell
Copley after you shall have first taken an oath for the due
execution of the Office and trust of our Capt. Generall and Governor
in Chiefe in and over our said Province and Territory of Maryland
and the Islands depending thereon which Our Councill or any five of
them have hereby full power and authority and are required to
administer unto You to give and administer to each of the
Members of our said Councill as well the Oaths appointed by Act
of Parliament to be taken in stead of the oaths of Allegiance and
Supremacy and the Test as the oath for the due Execution of their
place and trust And We do hereby give and grant unto you
full power and authority to suspend any of the Members of our
said Councill from sitting voting or assisting therein if you shall
find just cause for so doing And if it shall at any time happen
that by the death or departure out of our said Province or suspension
of any of our said Councillors there shall be a vacancy in our said
Councill (any three whereof We do hereby appoynt to be a Quorum)
Our Will and pleasure is that you signifie the same unto Us by
the first opportunity that We may under our Signett and Sign
manuall constitute and appoynt others in their stead But that
our affairs at that distance may not suffer for want of a due
number of Councillors if ever it shall happen that there be
three sworn of them residing in our said Province We do hereby
give and grant unto you full power and authority to choose
many persons out of the principall freemen Inhabitants as
are fitt make up the full number of our said Councill to be

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sworn and not more, which persons by vertue of such choice shall
be to all intents and purposes Councillors in our said Province
untill they shall be confirmed by Us or by that Right Honorable
of others by Us under our Sign manuall and Signett the said
Councill shall have sworn persons in it And We do hereby
give and grant unto you full power and authority with the
advice and consent of our said Councill from time to time
as need shall require to Summon and call Generall
Assemblys of the freemen within your Government according
to the usage of our Province and Territory of Maryland
And Our Will and pleasure is that the persons thereupon
duly elected by the major part of the freemen of the
respective Counties and places and so returned, and having
before their sitting taken the Oaths appointed by Act of
Parliament to be taken in stead of the oaths of Allegiance and
Supremacy and the Test which you shall Commissionate
fitt persons under our Seal of Maryland to administer
and without which none shall be capable of sitting though
elected shall be called and held the Generall Assembly of that
our province And that you the said Lionell Copley by
and with the consent of our said Councill and Assembly or
the major part of them respectively have full power and
authority to make constitute and Ordeine Lawes, Statutes
and Ordinances for the publick peace wellfare and good
Government of our said province and of the people and
Inhabitants thereof and such others as shall resort thereto
and for the benefitt of Us our heirs and Successors, which
said Lawes Statutes and Ordinances are to be as near as
may be agreable to the Lawes and Statutes of this our
Kingdome of England provided that all such Statutes
and Ordinances of a penal nature or duracon soever be within
three months or sooner after the making thereof transmitted
unto Us under our Seale of Maryland for our approbacon
or disallowance of the same as also Duplicates thereof by
the next Conveyance And in case any or all of them being
not before confirmed by Us shall at any time be
disallowed or not approved and so signified by Us our
heirs and Successors under our or their Sign manuall and
Signett or by order of our or their privy Councill unto you

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