

Whereas by the Death of his Late ^{the} Lord Coppley Esq^r
 their Majestys late Capt^l Gen^l & Gov^r in Chief in & over
 this their Province of Maryland & the absence of Capt^l Fraⁿ
 Nicholson their Maj^{ty} Lieut^{nt} Gov^r of the same the chief
 Command & Government of the said Province is committed
 to the Charge & Conduct of mee Sr Edmnd Andrews Knt their
 Majestys Lieut^{nt} & Gov^r General of their Colony & Domini-
 on of Virginia by their Majestys Royal Commission un-
 der their Signet & sign manual bearing date the third day
 of March 1692 in the fourth year of their Reign to
 mee Directed with Relation to their Majestys Commission
 to the said Lord Coppley made Letters Patents bearing
 Date the 27 day of June in the third year of their Reign
 & their Commission to the said Francis Nicholson un-
 der their Signet & Sign Manual bearing date the 24
 day of February in the fourth year of their Reign proce-
 eded & read to & by their Maj^{ty} Council of this Province this
 day in Council sitting I have by & with the advice of the
 said Council upon my Accession to the Command & Gov^r
 aforesaid thought fit to proclaim & declare & do hereby pub-
 lish & make known that all & singular their Maj^{ty} ma-
 gistrates Ministers & Officers civil & Military within
 this Province are & do stand & remain continued & con-
 firmed in their respective places & Offices as wthall fur-
 ther Orders hereby straightly charging & enjoining them
 & every of them respectively to execute & perform the duty
 of their respective places & Offices as aforesaid as formerly they
 have or ought to have done willing also & commanding
 all & singular their Majestys loving Subjects of the said
 Prov^{ce} & all others whom it may Concern to take due No-
 tice hereof & yield all ready Obedience thereunto as they will
 And the contrary at their perils to which end I do straightly
 charge & comnd all & singular the Sheriffs of the respective Coun-
 ties of this Province to make publick proclamation hereof in
 the most publick & convenient places within the resp^{ty} Counties