

Your Captay & absence of Capt. Francis Micholson committed
 unto me with full Power & Authority to execute & perform all
 & singular the powers & directions contained in their Maj^{ties}
 Commission to the said Your Captay in which said Commission
 their Majestys have been pleased to signify their will & plea-
 sure that in case of the death or absence of such Governor & no
 other person Commissioned to be Command. in chief of this their
 Province that then the Council of Maryland should take upon
 them the Administration of the Government & executing the
 said Commission & the several powers & Authorities therein
 contained & that such Councillor who should be at the time
 of the death or absence of the said Gov. from this Gov. residing
 within this their Majestys Province & Dominion before
 any other at that time residing here do preside in the said
 Council with such power & prerogatives as any former
 President hath used & enjoyed within the said Province or
 any other their Plantations in America until the arrival
 of such Gov. or their Majestys pleasure should be further known
 therein & so much as their Maj^{ties} have been pleased to com-
 mit my present Service in their Colony of Virginia & at present
 there being no other person upon this place Commissioned to
 be Command. in chief of this their Province & Dominion pur-
 suant thereto to their Maj^{ties} Commission to me directed & I do
 by advice in Council in their Majestys Names by this Procla-
 mation Notify & make known the Administration of the Gov^t
 & the Execution of the said Commission & the several Powers &
 Authorities therein contained for & during my absence or their
 Majestys pleasure further known to be in the Council of this their
 Majestys Province & Dominion & the honorable Mich. Greenberry
 Esq^r to preside therein until my return or further Orders of all we
 do hereby require & Command all their Majestys Officers both
 Civil & Military within this their Dominion & all other per-
 sons whatsoever to take Notice & conform themselves accordingly
 as they & every of them will answer the contrary at their utmost
 perils Given at the City of S^t Marys the third day of October Anno
 Dom^o 1693 In the fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign