

To the honourable Matthew Tilghman Ward of
Talbot County Esq. Greeting

Whereas it is thought necessary at this present Juncture to put the
Militia of this Province in the best and most useful Posture for the Defence &
Security thereof: AND for that I have and do repose especial Trust and
Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, Prudence, Skill and good Conduct I
have thought fit and do hereby commissionate You the said Matthew
Tilghman Ward to be Major General of all and singular the Forces
belonging to the Militia within the six Counties of the Eastern Shoar of
this Province, both of Horse and Foot Commanding and requiring the
several Colonels and Commanders, and other subaltern Officers, Soldiers
and Troopers of the Militia, to be in all Respects obedient to your Commands
and to the End the said Militia may be rendered the most effectually
serviceable, and that it may be the better known what Officer or Officers
do discharge and execute their Commissions, or otherwise happen to
neglect their Duty in training and mustering the several Troops
and Companies under their Command according to the Art & Discipline
of War; You are as often as You shall judge most convenient, to
review the said Militia, and upon their several Appearances diligently
to observe how well they shall be appointed, that You may be the better
enabled to give me Account thereof And upon any sudden Invasion
Invasion or Insurrection You are hereby authorized immediately
to summon such Troops and Companies as You shall see fit out
of the said several Counties on the Eastern Shoar, and them according
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