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the Colony will allow, being as they cannot render a more acceptable Service to Us, and to their Mother Country for anything more essential for their own Interest

2. It is Our Will and Pleasure, that You do, with the utmost Zeal and Diligence, promote and encourage a necessary and Disposition; for which purpose You will forthwith summon all Our Councillors to attend You in Council, and communicate to them these Instructions, that they may be better able to advise and assist You in the execution of them, and in the appointing of such Officers for the Command of the several Companies to be raised, as are known to be Men of Interest in their Country, & well disposed to Our Service

3. It is Our Intention, that the Troops to be raised in Our Province of Maryland, shall consist of Companies of One hundred Men each — including four Sergeants, four Corporals and Two Drummers, beside their Commission Officers, which shall be One Captain, Two Lieutenants to be an Ensign; But We have reserved to Our selves the Nomination of the Field and Staff Officers, and of One Lieutenant for each Company, who will be Men of Experience in Service, and sent from hence for their Assistance to meet them at the General Rendezvous appointed in the West Indies. Your Troops will likewise be furnished, with One Sergeant for each Company, by Draughts of Old Soldiers out of the Four Independent Companies at New York, for which purpose the necessary Orders will forthwith be given; All the other Officers are left to your Nomination, and You will receive Blank Commissions under Our Sign Manual for them, to be filled up with such Persons, as You shall think proper, taking the Advice, & even the Recommendation of Our Council therein, so far as may be consistent with Our Service, and the Dispatch requisite upon this Subject. But if the Number of Blank Commissions sent to you upon this Occasion, shall happen to be more than the Companies raised in you for our use do require, You are hereby directed to return the Remainder by the first