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Charles Absolute Lord and Prop.ry of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To our trusty and well beloved Cold Henry Courtney and Cold Philemon Lloyd of Talbot County in the our sd. Province of Maryland, greeting in our Lord God Everlasting. Know yee that we Reposing special trust and confidence in your fidelity prudence & Circumspection have ordained constituted, authorized and appointed, and by these presents do ordain constitute Authorize and appoint you the sd. Cold Henry Courtney and Cold Philemon Lloyd or either of you to be our Embassad.rs or Embassado.rs Agents or Agent, Envoyd or Envoy, to Fort Albany w.th in Dominion of his Royall Highness the Duke of York for us and in our Name to treat with and confirm the peace with the Sinniquos and other s.d Five nall Northern Nations of Indians for all his Maj.ties loving Subjects as well of and within this Province as also those of Virginia and all our Neighbouring or Friend Indians under our protection according to our Articles with them formerly made by you the said Cold Henry Courtney at s.d Fort Albany Wherefore you and either of you are with all convenient speed (so soon as you can possibly have prepared for the same) to fitt forward on your journey to New York with such necessary provision and attendance as you and either of you shall think fitt, and apply your Selfe or Selfe at your or either of your arrivall there to the Governo.r General or other Commander in Chiefe under his Royall highness there for the time being Desiring leave to pass through those Territories in ord.r to your or either of your comming to a treaty with the s.d Indians, for the more easy and fully effecting whereof you or either of you are also to require (if need be) the Assistance of that Government in procuring a firme and lasting peace with the s.d Indians as well for our Selves and all other his Maj.ties Loving Subjects in the Collony of Virginia as also for the Pascattaways, and all other our Neighbouring and Friend Indians in peace and Amity with us, and under our protection, according to the Tenor of your Instructions therewith given you, which you and either of you are diligently to observe performe fullfill and keepe in this and all other points relating to your or either of your Negotiation. And we do hereby Require and Desire that due faith and credit may be given to you the s.d Henry Courtney and Philemon Lloyd or either of you, and that according to the Law of Nations you or either of you be received credited and believed in all parts and points of this your Negotiation, hereby promising and engaging to Ratifie confirme and approove of as good whatsoever shall be by you or either of you done in the premisses pursuant to this Comission and your s.d Instructions as fully amply largely and effectually to all Intents and purposes as if the same were immediatly done by our Selfe

Given at our City of St. Maries under the great Seale of this our said Province of Maryland the Eighteenth Day of May in the Seventh year of our Dominion & Anno Dmni 1682.

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