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Claimes & demands whatsoever between any the Inhabitants or other
persons interested in the Land lying within the County of Annarundel
at such times & places within the said County as you or any three or
more of you shall think fitt from time to time with or without any
Adjournment Nunacity & without the formality & proceedings in
Courts of Law & Equity either upon the Verdict or Inquisition of Juries,
Testimony of Witnesses or upon oath & examination of parties Interested
or by all or any the said ways or otherwise according to yr Discretions
And we will that the Judgts of you the said Comrs or any three or more
of you as aforesaid shall be final between the said parties their Heirs Exrs
Admrs or Assigns & all claiming by from or under them touching
the Matters & Decrees to be made by you or any three or more of you
as aforesaid Excepting as in the Act of Assembly is excepted Provided
said Comrs always giving timely notice of not less than fifteen Days
of the time & place of your sitting And generally to do & execute all
singular the powers & Authorities in the said Act of Assembly
recited & expressed. And further we will that the Sheriff of Annat
County by himself or his sufficient Deputy do constantly attend
the sitting of yr said Courts & cause to come before you as you
shall require such & so many good & lawfull men of his Bailiwick
with Jurors the truth of the Matters in Controversy before
you may better inquired into & to summons Witnesses at any
partys instance & request & execute the several Precepts &
Process from you to him directed & likewise that the Surveyor of
our said County do survey & lay out all or any such Lands as shall
upon sitting for the said Court shall be at any time directed
& to do for the better Discovering & clearing any Claim or
Controversy before you & return fair Platts & certificates thereof
And further we do impower you to make such Rules & Orders
for the better regulating the several Meetings & Courts
by you to be held on this Occasion as you shall see fitt & judge most
proper & necessary & to committ any reasonable fines not
exceeding one thousand pounds of Tob to punish all or any
such person or persons as shall interrupt or otherwise disturb
yr sitting in the said Court Lastly We do have appointed John
Colmund to be Clerk & Keeper of the Records of yr said Court

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& to make out the process & enter the Judgments Sentences &
Decrees thereof Witness our trusty & wellbeloved John Seymour
Esq our Capt Generall & Gor in Chief of our said province the 15th
Day of September in the fourteenth year of our Reign & Annoq
Dni 1705.

Jo: Seymour.

The Great Seal of Maryland

On the back of the foregoing Commission is this Indorse

ANNE by the Grace of God of England Scotland France &
Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c. To Samuel Young &
Colln Biggs Esqrs Greeting Wee do hereby Authorize & Impower
you or either of you to Administer the Oaths appointed by Act
of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance &
Supremacy the Oaths of Abjuration & a proper Oath for the due
Execution of the written Commission to John Hammond & Wm Holland
Esqrs or either of them And you the said John Hammond & Wm Holland
Esqrs or either of you having taken the said Oaths are thereby em-
powered to Administer the same to the Comrs as they are respectively
nominated in the written Commission. And we will that you power
of your having taken the said Oaths do proceed to the said Oaths
of Abjuration & for so doing this shall be yr sufficient Authority
Witness our trusty & wellbeloved John Seymour Esq our Capt General &
Gor in Chief of this our province the 15 day of September in the 14 year
of our reign Annoq Dni 1705

J. Seymour

Then the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths
of Allegiance Supremacy & the Oaths of Abjuration were Administred by
Samuel Young Esqr unto Colln Hammond together with the following oath
for the due Execution of this Commission viz

You do swear that as a Commissioner & Justice for the Worship
Annarundel County, those Concerned in the Records thereof Burnt in
the late fire of the Court house at Annapolis You will well & truly &c