Maryland to wit.

At a Provincial Court begun and held at the City of Annapolis in Ann Arundel County in and for the Province of Maryland the third Tuesday of May being the 18th day of the same Month and in the Sixth Year of the Dominion of the Right Honorable Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore Sea Annoq Domini 1756

Present

John Boice Esq.r Chief Justice

The Hon.ble { Robert Jenck in Henry, Richard Tilghman and George Steuart } Esq.rs Justices

John Raitt Esq.r Sheriff and W. Sligh Cl.

Proclamation made in Usual Form &c.

William Sligh Produces to the Court here a Commission from Benjamin Tasker Junior Esquire Deputy Secretary of Maryland to be Clerk of this Court with a Certificate on the Back thereof of his being Qualifyed as such which is Approved of and he takes his Place Accordingly

Which Commission follows in these Words Viz.t

Benjamin Tasker Junior Esquire Deputy Secretary of the Province of Maryland

To William Sligh of the City of Annapolis Sendeth Greeting Know Ye that for the Special Trust and Confidence I have in your Knowledge Circumspection and Prudence, I have Ordained Appointed and Deputed And do by these Presents Depute and Appoint you the said William Sligh to be Chief Clerk of the Secretarys Office and Chief Clerk of the Provincial Court of this Province Giving and Granting unto you full Power and Authority to Issue out of the said Office all such Original and Judicial Writs as the nature of the Causes and Actions there to be Commenced shall require and to Sign the same as Clerk and Affix to them the Seal of the same Court and Office. As also to enter upon Record the Proceedings of the same Court, to file all Process and Proceedings and to make Copies of the same, And to Record all Deeds and Conveyances which shall be brought to you for that Purpose, Likewise to Issue out Commissions for all Reference and Generally to Act and Perform all such things as Appertaineth to the said Office, To have and to hold the said Place of Clerk of the said Secretarys Office and of the Provincial Court During Pleasure in as full Large and Ample manner as any former Clerk

(hath)