hath held and Injoyed the same Given at the City of Annapolis this twelfth day of May in the Sixth year of his Lordships Dominion &c Annoq Domini 1756

B Tasker (Seal)

On the back of which Commission was written the following Qualification Viz.

I hereby certify that on the twelfth day of May 1756 Came before me the Subscriber one of his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court William Sligh and was Qualified by virtue of the within Commission to him directed as Clerk of the Provincial Court and of the Secretarys Office by taking the Several Oaths Appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government Repeating and Subscribing the Oath of Abjuration and Test. as also the Oath of Clerk in the following Words Viz. "You William Sligh do Swear that you will well and truly "Execute the Office and Place of Clerk of the Provincial Court and Secretarys Office of the Province "of Maryland and that you will true and fair Records Keep of the Proceedings of the "Provincial Court that you will make just and true Entries of all Writs Precepts and "Process and in all matters and things relating to the said Office that you will behave yourself "therein According to the best of your Judgment Skill and knowledge So help you God, and also took the Oath Prescribed by the Inspection Law

Sworn before me the 12th day of May 1756 Robt Jenkins Henry

A New Provincial Commission Produced and Read as follows Viz.

Maryland ss. Frederick, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To John Brice, John Darnall, John Hepburn Robert Jenkins Henry, Richard Tilghman, George Stewart, William Goldsborough, John Hall, and Bodingfield Hands Esqrs Greeting Know Ye that we have Assigned you and every of you Jointly and Severally our Justices to keep our Peace in our Province of Maryland to do Equal Law and Right to all the Kings Subjects Rich and Poor According to the Laws Customs and directions of the Acts of Assembly of this Province so far forth as they Provide and where they are silent According to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England as used and Practiced within this Province for the Conservation of the Peace and for the Quiet Rule and Government of the Kings Subjects in our said Province and to Chastise and Punish all Persons Offending Against the form of those Acts Customs Laws and Statutes or any of them as According to the form of the same Acts Customs Laws and Statutes shall be done We have also Assigned you the said John Brice Chief Justice of our said Court Willing and by those Presents Constituting and Authorizing that our said Chief Justice and Justices aforesd or any two or more of them of which you the said John Brice, John Darnall, John Hepburn, Robert Jenkins Henry and Richard Tilghman or one of you shall be always one Justice Sufficient to hold a Court as well to Inquire by the Oath of Good and lawfull men of our said Province by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known of all and all manner of Murders, Treasons, Misprision of Treasons, Felonies, Witchcrafts, Enchantments, Sorceries, Arts Magick, Trespasses, Forestallings, Ingrossings, Regratings and Extortions whatsoever and all Pleas as well touching and Relating unto our Sovereign Lord the King as ourself

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and the Conservation of the Peace within our said Province as also for the holding of our Court of Common Pleas and the hearing and determining of all manner of Actions Civil Real Personal and mixt within our said Province. And therefore We Command you and every of you diligently to Intend the keeping of our Peace and the Acts Customs Laws and Statutes afs. and all and Singular the Premisses and that at certain days and Places which you or any two or more of you as afs. in that behalf shall Appoint you make Inquiry of and upon the Premisses and hear and determine Perform and fulfill the same doing therein what to Justice Appertains According to the Laws Customs and Directions of the Acts of Assembly of this Province so far forth as they Provide and where they are Silent According to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England as used and Practised within this Province Saving to us our Amerciaments and other things thereof to us belonging And we hereby Command the Several and Respective Sheriffs of our said Province by virtue of these Presents that on the certain Days and Places Assigned or which you or any two or more of you as afs. shall Appoint and make known unto them they cause to come before you or such two or more of you as afs. such and so many good and lawfull men of their Bailiwick by whom the Truth in the Premisses may be the better known and enquired of. And that they together with all and our Chief Officers Civil and Military within our Province and all other our Good People of the same in all things touching the Office of Chief Justice and Justices Respectively Witness our Trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esqr. Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of our said Province of Maryland this twentyth day of March in the fifth year of our Dominion &c Annoq Domini 1756

Hor. Sharpe (Seal of Wax Appendant)

On the back of the aforegoing Commission was thus Endorsed Viz.

Maryland ss. Frederick, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To John Darnall, John Hepburn, Robert Jenkins Henry, Richard Tilghman, and George Stewart Esquires Greeting We do hereby Authorize and Impower you or any one of you to Administer the Several Oaths Appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government as also the Oath of Judge or Justice of the Provincial Court to John Brice, William Goldsborough, John Hall and Bodingfield Hands or any one of you having taken the said Oaths are hereby Impowered to Administer the same as also the Oath of Judge or Justice of our said Court to the Several and Respective Justices as they are Nominated in the within Commission and we will that you the said Several and Respective Justices within named do Subscribe the Test as also the Oath of Abjuration after you and every of you having taken the Oaths above mentioned and for you so doing this shall be your Sufficient Authority Witness our Trusty and well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esqr. Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of our said Province of Maryland this twentyth day of March in the fifth year of our Dominion &c Annoq Dom 1756

Hor. Sharpe

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