The Judges of the General Court Order the following Commission to be recorded.

The State of Maryland, To William Paca Nicholas Thomas and Alexander Contee Hanson Esquires Greeting.

Be it known that reposing great Trust and Confidence in your Integrity and sound Judgment in the Law you and every of you are jointly and severally appointed and assigned Judges of the General Court to do equal Right and Justice according to the Law of this State in every Case in which you shall Act as Judge jointly or severally freely without fale fully without any denial and speedily without delay and you and every one or more of you are assigned Judges of the General Court to execute the Office of Judge of the said Court justly honestly and faithfully according to Law And you are to hold and execute the said Office of Judge for and during your good behaviour.

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Rd Spriggs Chan.

Given under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland this ninth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

Witness the honorable Richard Spriggs Esquire Chancellor.

The great Seal in Wax appendant

Maryland, to wit.

At a General Court begun and held at the City of Annapolis in Anne Arundel County for the Western Shore of Maryland aforesaid on the second Tuesday of May being the Eleventh day of the same Month Anno Dominii 1779.

Present

The Honorable { Nicholas Thomas and Alexander Contee Hanson } Esquires Judges.

John Burgess Esquire Sheriff. Thos. Brooke Hodgkin Clerk.

Proclamation made in the usual Form &c.

The several Sheriffs being called upon to return their Panels of Grand Jurors Return the same out of which the following Persons are Impanelled to wit.

Nathan Hammond Foreman

John Howell	Philip Reid	Richard Brandt
George Digges	Notley Young	Henry Griffith Junior
Richard Green	William Gaither	Henry Darnall
John Klienhoof	Josias William Dallam	John Beale Hall
Dixon Hansbury Junr.	Benjamin Ogle	Charles Worthington
Cornelius Garretson	Benjamin Griffith	Herbert Blackiston
Thomas Belt	and William Brogden.	

Who being duly Elected Tryed and Sworn retire to consider and afterwards return and present to the Court here the following Presentments and Bills of Indictments to wit a Presentment against Benjamin Lane for Gaming, a Presentment against John Weems for an Assault and Battery on Mary Simmons, a Presentment against Robert Long Charles Hog Adam Richardson for a Riot, a Bill of Indictment against John Weems for an Assault and Battery on a certain Mary Simmons, a Bill of Indictment against Robert Long Charles Hog and Adam Richardson for a Riot, a Bill of Indictment against Nicholas Philips for passing Counterfeit Money, a Bill of Indictment against William Sears for a Riot, a Bill of Indictment against Cornelius Garretson, John Chalmers, William Middleton, Gilbert Middleton and Joseph Middleton for a Riot, a Bill of Indictment against William Goldsmith, George Rankin, John Sears, John Shaw and Archibald Chisholme for a Riot; a Bill of Indictment against Henry Cyples, Richard Thompson, Robert Berry, Job Fowler, Daniel Fowler, Richard Flemming and Adam Miller for a Riot; a Bill of Indictment against William Maw, John Green, Daniel Coulter, William Carwell, Patrick Burke and John Roundsworth for a Riot; a Bill of Indictment against Robert Reynolds, James Taylor, George Davis, Oliver Weedon, John Sands and Thomas Sands for a Riot; a Bill of Indictment against James Read

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