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

Thomas Johnson.

We 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 Sale 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 good Behaviour. Given under the 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 Honourable Richard Spriggs Esquire Chancellor.

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I Hereby Certify that Nicholas Thomas Esquire and Alexander Contee Hanson Esquire on the Ninth Day of March Seventeen hundred and seventy eight qualified before me as Judges of the General Court by taking the several Oaths prescribed by the Constitution and form of Government and by the Laws of this State and by making and subscribing respectively the Declaration of their Belief in the Christian Religion.

William Paca.

I Hereby Certify that William Paca Esquire on the Ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight qualified before me as Chief Judge of the General Court by taking the several Oaths prescribed by the Constitution and form of Government and by the Laws of this State and by making and subscribing the Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion.

Nicholas Thomas.

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Know all Men by these Presents that We Thomas Gordon John Bracco and Christopher Birkhead of Talbot County Gentlemen are held and firmly bound unto the State of Maryland in the full and just Sum of Three Thousand Pounds Current Money to be paid to the State aforesaid To which Payment well and truly to be made and done We do bind ourselves, and every of us our and every of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this Fourteenth Day of March in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy eight. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Thomas Gordon whilst he shall continue in the Office of Clerk of the General Court for the Eastern Shore of the State of Maryland shall at his own proper Cost and Charge find a Supply of good and sufficient Record Books necessary for the entering up all Matters and Things relating to such Clerk's Office and shall and will make or cause to be made and entered true legal and perfect Records and Entries according to the Truth and Nature of the Matter or Thing required to be entered or recorded and shall duly and carefully look after sustain preserve repair and maintain all the Several Books Papers and Records now being in the said Office and also all those that from time to time during his Continuance in the said Office shall be added thereunto in such Manner as that in case of Death or that he shall be legally dismissed from Officiating longer in the said Office he the said Thomas Gordon his Executors or Administrators shall surrender and deliver up or cause to be surrendered and delivered to the next person who shall succeed him in the said Clerk's Office all the Papers and Record Books now being in the said Clerks Office in good order and repair as also all such other Papers and Record Books which shall be by him added in like good order and Repair with the Records and Entries faithfully legally and truly made up and entered during the time he hath Officiated in the said Clerks Office without favor or Affection but According to the Truth the Nature of the Thing and the Duty of his Office and all other the Duties of his said Office legally duly and faithfully shall discharge according to Law and the true Intent and Meaning of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided then the above Obligation to be void and of none Effect or else to be and remain in full force and Virtue in Law.

Thomas Gordon (Seal)
John Bracco
Christopher Birkhead

Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of . . .
William Paca. R. Goldsborough Junr.

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