And further We will that the Shorriff of Annarundell County by him self or his Sufficient Deputy Do Constantly attend the Sitting of your said Courts & Cause to Come before you as you Shall Require such & Tomany Good & Lawfull men of his Baily wick by whom the truth of the matter in Controversy before you may be better Inquired into, & to Summon Witnesses at any Partys Instance & Request, & Execute the Severall precepts & process from you to him Directed, and Likewise that the Surveyor of our said County Resurvey & Lay out all such Lands as by process Issuing forth of your Court he Shall be att any time Directed soto Do for the better Discovering & Clearing any Claimes or Controversies before you and returne fair platt & Certificates thereof, And further We do Impower you to make such Rules & orders for the better Regulating the Severall meetings & Courts by you to be held on this Occasion as you Shall see fit & Judge most proper & necessary & to Commit & by reasonable fines not Exceeding One thousand pounds of Tob. to punish all or any such Person or Persons as Shall Interrupt or other wise Disturb your Sitting in the sd Courts, Lastly We have appointed John Board Gent. to be Clk & Keepr of the Records of your said Court and to make out the process & Enter the Judgments Sentences & Decrees thereof. Witness our Trusty & well beloved John Hart Esqr. our Captn Generall & Governour in Chief of our said Province this 22d Day of march in the Second year of Our Dominion &c. Annoq. Dni 1716 on the Back of wch. afore going It was thus Endorsd (vizt)

Jn. Hart

Charles absolute Lord & Propry of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. To Thomas Larkins William Loch Benjn. Tasker & Thomas Gassaway Gent. — Grooting — We do here by authorize & Impower you & either of you to administer the Severall oaths appointed by Act of Assembly & a proper oath for the Due Execution of the within Comission unto Saml. Young Esqr Edmund Benson & Charles Hammond Gent. or any one of them & you the said Saml. Young Esqr. Edmund Benson & Charles Hammond or any one of you having taken the same are Impowered to administer the aforesaid oaths unto the said Thos. Larkin, Wm. Loch, Benjn. Tasker & Thomas Gassaway and that you the Severall & Respective Comissioners within named are here by Required to subscribe the Test as also the oath of abjuration after you & every of you have taken the oaths above mentioned and for your So doing this Shall be your Sufficient authority Witness our Trusty & well beloved Jn. Hart Esq. our Capt. Gent. & Governr. in Chief in & over this our Province of Maryland & the Territories thereunto belonging this 22d Day of march in the 2d year of our Dominion &c. anno q. Dni 1716 Jo Hart

Then the oaths appointed to be taken by act of Assembly were administred by Thomas Larkin William Loch Benjamin Tasker & Thomas Gassaway unto Saml. Young Esqr. Edmond Benson & Charles Hammond Gent. together with the following oath for the Due Execution of this Comission (vizt)

You Do Swear that as Comissioners and Justices for the Relief of Annarundell County & those concerned in the Records there of burnt in the late fire of the Court House at Annapolis you will well & truely Execute the Severall powers & authoritys in your Comission according to the Severall Articles therein to you Directed to the best of your Skill Power & Knowledge by doeing Equall Right as well as to the Poor as the Rich, neither Shall you Deny Justice to any for fear favour or affection, But uprightly & Truely Behave your Self therein in all things Endeavouring to procure & Secure the Good & Quiet of all such persons as Shall have occasion to make application to you to be relieved on Occasion of this miserable & unhappy accident. So help you God —

Then they Subscribed the oaths appointed by Law & the Test & took their places on the Bench.

Then the aforesd Severall Oaths were administred by Saml. Young Esq. to Thomas Larkin, Wm. Loch & Benja. Tasker who subscribed the Latter there of & took their places on the Bench. —

John Board being appointed Clerk of this Court takes the oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken the which he Subscribes with the Test & takes the following oath for the Due Execution of his Office (vizt.) You do Swear that you will well & Faithfully Execute the office of Clerk of the Speciall Court appointed for the Relief of Annarundell County & the persons Interested in the Lands lyeing therein, and to no persons will wittingly or willingly Deny Right in what belongs to your office to do True & fair Records you Shall Keep & Cause to be Kept of all Judgments Orders of Court Decrees or other matters to be by you Recorded without falsification & Shall & will Generally in all things what soever Truely Truely & Honestly Exercise the Said office or place without any Covin or fraud according to the best of your understanding Cunning Skill & Knowledge & according to the Trust & Confidence in you so posd So Help you God. —

Moses Adney at his Prayer is admitted Cryer of this Court & takes the usuall oaths appointed by Act of Assembly &c. —

(Doct.)