being now joyned together with Rice in Coparcenary And that he hath been at great expence of time and some
Money in preserving and Securing the Small estate of the dead Wm and by the Order and direction of Mr
Samuel Hopkins One of his Lrdpp Justices of the Peace, and that some unacquainted persons taken upon them,
to give Some threatening speeches to administer upon the said Estate And the Petitioner not knowing
how Soon Such pretendors may prevale and thereupon prayd Letters of Administration to him to be granted
which accordingly issued. —

Dimission then issued to Joseph Hopkins Gent to take Oath and bond of the Said Thomas Apkins for his
due administration upon the estate of the Said John Stuart. and warrants to Appraisers in Blanck
Amount pstr 3 m.

July 7th — Then Came Bryan fitzpatrick of Dorchester County and exhibited the following Letter viz:t

Mr Daniell — May 12th 1688.

Hon.ble Sr The bearer hereof Bryan fitzpatrick acquaints me of your Hon.r for advice concerning a
bracket Will made by One John Stuart of Dorchester County lately deceased, he will satisfie yo Hon.r
how it is in every particular better than I can, make me Omit inserting of it here. If you think it convenient for
him to administer this Shall Oblige me to pay yo Hon.r for the Charge he being my Servant any Service
I shall have what in right belongeth to him. yo Hon.r Kindnesse in this Shall Oblige me to be
yo Humble Serv.t
Tho: Taylor.

Then came the said Bryan fitzpatrick and exhibited the bracket Will of the Said John Stuart and
prayd Letters of Adm.on thereupon. which was accordingly granted him with Copy the Will

Dimiss.ll then issued to Major Thomas to cause the Said Will to be proved & the same remitt hither

Dimiss.ll then also issued to the Said Major Taylor to take the Oath & bond of the Said Bryan for his
due administration. Warrants to Richard Owen and John Hufflewood Appraisers.
Amount pstr 3 m.

Eodem die — Letters of administration then issued to Mary late wife and Relict of John Giles late of Ann
Arundell County intestate dec.d —

Dimiss.ll then issued to Col Thomas Taylor to take bond and Oath of the Said Mary Giles for her
due administration and make returne thereof

Warrants issued to Robert Lockwood and John Waters Appraisers. Amount pstr 3 m.

Eodem die — Whereas Isabella Broadrib late of Kent County died intestate as was Said Administration of all
Singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of the dec.d the 4th day of December 1688 was granted and
committed to One Cornelius Comegys of the Said County. —

Dominus was given to the Sheriff of the Said County That he cite and Summon the Said Cornelius Comegys
that he be and personally appear before the Said Judge for Probate of Wills &c the first tuesday in October
next to Shew cause (if any) why the Said Letters of Adm.on so granted to the Said Cornelius Comegys as
aforesaid may not be revoked made void and annulled and granted to the next of Bloud to the Said deceased
Underwood grantee.

Eodem die. — Whereas his Lrdp hath Ordained and appointed this Office for Probate of Wills and Granting administrations
upon the Estates of persons died within his Said Province of Maryland for the due Administration of
Justice and for the benefit and advantage of the Orphans and Legatees (if any) by any person dyeing
left or bequeathed. And whereas his Lrdp is given to understand and be informed That One Sarah Parsons
of Mattapony Hundred in Somerset County doth conceale the last Will and Testament of her late Husband
dead and illegally possesses herself with the effects of the Said dead to the prejudice of the execution of
the Testament of the Testator and against the Law in such case made and provided.

Whereupon Dominus was given to Samuel Hopkins of Somerset County aforesaid That that he cause to come
before him the Said Sarah Parsons upon Oath to demand of her if the Said dead did not make Such last
Will and Testament in writing and that if the same be not in her Custody or who hath the keeping thereof Which
when he hath that he call before him the witnesses in the same Will named and by their Oathes he cause
the same to be proved and the Said Will so proved with his proceedings therein he transmitt into the Office here
with all convenient speed. —

Eodem die — Whereas Wm Sergeson late of St Maries County dec.d died intestate as is Said And whereas One Lewis
Jones hath intermarried Katherine his Relict who have wasted and Lavish Authority possessed themselves
with the effects of the dead and the same have imbezelled and wasted (as is informed) whereby the Creditors
to the effects of the dead are likely to be defrauded and the Orphans of the Said Wm Sergeson deprived
of their Right.

Whereupon Dominus was given to the Sheriff of St Maries County That he Cite and Summon the Said Lewis Jones and Katherine
his wife that they be and personally appear before the Judges for Probate of Wills &c at the City of St Maries the
first tuesday in October next to Shew cause if any they have Why the Estate of the dead should not be taken out

of

of their hands and committed to Such person as to the Judges here Shall Seemt meet Whereof they are
not to fail and that the Said Sheriff have then and there this precept. —

July 9th — Citation then issued to the Sheriff of Talbott County to Cite and Summon Richard Muraz and Thomas
Thompson Exr.s of the last Will and Testam.t of Richard Jackson late of the same County to render an
account of their administration upon their Said Estate. vt pr. Tuesday October next.

Eodem die — Robert Carvile the Attorney of James Dryden of London Merch.t Takes Caveat That no administration
of the Estate of John Kirke late of this Province Merch.t dec.d issue Out till he the Said Carvile
on the behalf of the Said Mr Dryden be heard touching the same. Ro Carvile.
9th july 1688.

Eodem die — Summ.s then issued to Col Wm Coleborne of Somerset County to Call before him the Witnesses to the
Will of Samuel Cooper late of the same County deceased wherein he hath nominated & appointed
Sarah his late wife his whole and Sole executrix. —

Eodem die — Citacon then issued to the Sheriff of St Maries County to Cite Lewis Jones and Katherine his wife
late wife of Wm Sergeson to Shew cause why the estate of the deceased should not be taken out of
their hands and adm.on granted to Such person as the Judges here Shall appoint.
Returns pro Tuesday Oct next.

Eodem die — Then Came Mary Parsons Relict and Executrix of the last Will and Testament of John Parsons
late of St Maries County deceased and exhibited the Testament of the Testator which was by
the Oath of Robert Carvile Gent before the Judge here in common forme proved and the Said Mary
took the Oath of Executrix. Letters Testamentary with Copy the Will annexed then granted her
and warr.t issued to Abraham Rhodes and Wm Aiquith appraisers. —

Eodem die — Dimiss.ll then issued to John Griggs of Calvert County Gent to take the Oath of John Humberton
Executor of the last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Mackdowell to his account in which
Dimission was contained That the Said Griggs take the Oath of the Said John Humberton to his Answer
to the Libell of John Mackdowell Sole Brother of Henry Mackdowell pltf with all convenient
speed. —

10th — Gent Nicholas Greenbury made returne That Christopher Gerrard Exr of Edward Jones late of Ann
Arundel County intestate deceased took the Oath of Administrator according to the forme Sent him,
and That Humphry Bowne and Robert Eagle were Sworn Appraisers.
Then was also the bond of the Said Christopher Gerrard for his due adm.on exhibited for 28632 lb
tobacco Henry Meredith and Jonathan Neale Security. —
Then also was exhibited an Inventory of the estate of the Said Edward Jones under the hands and
Seales of the Said Appraisers. —

Eodem die — Then was exhibited an Inventory of the Estate of Henry Hollis late of Calvert County deceased —
under the hands and Seales of Francis Hyghum and Thomas Howe Appraisers

Eodem die. — Administration of all and Singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of Thomas Cottingham late of
Somerset County intestate deceased was unto Mary his late wife committed.
Dimission then issued to Colonel Wm Coleborne to take her Oath and bond for her due adm.on
warrant to Robin West and Samuel Horsey Appraisers. Amount pstr 3 m.

From the Commissaryes Office july 12th 1688.

Gentlemen,

His Hon.r Col Darnall One of the Judges in Testamentary causes hath received Letter
bearing date the 5th this instant july from Wm Richardson Samuel Thomas and Edward
Fulbott wherein they informe That Daniell Longmaid administrator of the estate of Richard Arnold
dec.d never tendered two thirds of the estate of the dec.d according to Law which they appeal
being Trustees for the Orphans of the dec.d That the Said Longmaid did tender or prefer
to pay or deliver to them 2/3 as it was cast up in tobacco, but they refused to accept off
tobacco. The Said Trustees did thereby desire and request his Hon.r to send an Order to
you that you call before you the Said Adm.r and that you Order him to deliver the estate
to them as Trustees as aforesaid in kind. and That it is high time the estate was taken
out of his hands before it be wasted or embezelled. —

Yr Worships Order of the 12th of june last was in the same Letter enclosed Whereby
it appeares That the Said Adm.r appeared before you to render an account of his administration
the Trustees and tendered them 2/3 of the estate of the Testator and the
Trustees Objected against the whole account and Originall Inventory Which Occasioned your

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