and all due and Just Fees as now are or Shall be Settled according to the Laws in our Said Province **Saveing** to all and every person and persons that Shall Conceive themselves aggrieved their Lawfull Appeals to us or our Captaine Generall and Governor in Chiefe of our Said Province for the time being or Such other person or persons as we Shall Appoint to hear and Determine the Same **To have** and **Should Enjoy and Exercise** the Said Office of Judges or Generall Commissioners for probate of Wills &c. in our Said Province as aforesaid unto you the Said John Addison John Courts and Thomas Brooke by your Selves or any one of you as you Shall See Convenient and to do and Execute all and Singular the premisses untill Such time as we Shall Signifie our Will and pleasure to the Contrary Given att our Town and Porte of Annapolis under the Great Seale of our Said province the twelfth day of August in the Eleventh Year of our reigne and in the year of our Lord 1699 **Witness** our Trusty and wellbeloved Nathaniel Blakiston Esq.r our Capt.n Generall and Governor in Chiefe in and over this our province and the Territorys thereunto belonging.

N: Blakiston

Mem: That the day of the date of this Commission came before his Excellency the Governor the above Named John Addison and Thomas Brooke Esq.rs and took the following Oath. viz.

You John Addison and Thomas Brooke do Swear that according to the Best of your Skill and knowledge and Understanding you will well and faithfully Execute the Office of Judges or Commissioners for probate of Wills and Granting Administrations within this Province and all and Singular the powers and Authority belonging to the Said Office according to Law and Justice as farr forth as in you lieth. So help you God.

The Said Col John Addison and Thomas Brook Esq.rs also took the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and Subscribed the Test and Association

John Addison, John Courts, and Thomas Brooke Esq.rs Judges and Gen.ll Commissioners for probate of Wills and Granting Administrations within this Province to William Bladen of the Porte of Annapolis Gent. Greeting

Seale of the Office

Know you that we reposing Special Trust and Confidence in your Ability and Skill in Martters as also in your Integrity and Fidelity have and do by these presents Constitute ordaine and Appoint you the Said William Bladen to be Clerk and Register of the Said Court of Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations &c. and to keep and Enter all and Singular the Records and Proceedings of the Said Court and also to issue all usual Process from the Said Court and Generally do in all other things Relateing to the Said Office of Register as Fully to all and do in the Execution thereof as any other Former Register of the Said Court. Hereby Granting unto you to have Hold Execute and Enjoy the Said Office durring our pleasure and to take and receive to Your Selfe for the Executing thereof one Fifth Fourth part of the Fees Lawfully Arising thereupon Given under our hands and Seales att Town & Porte of Annapolis this 14th day of Aug.t in the Eleventh year of his Matys reigne &c. Anoq. Dni 1699

John Addison
Thomas Brooke

Came before the Ps John Addison and Thomas Brook Esq.rs the Ps William Bladen and took the following Oath viz.

You William Bladen do Swear that you will well and faithfully Execute the Office of Register of the Court for probate of Wills &c. So long as you shall Continue therein according to the Best of your power Skill knowledge and understanding So long as you shall Continue therein

So help you God

Then the following Oath was Administred unto Evan Thomas as the Assistant to the Said Wm Bladen viz.

You Evan Thomas do Swear that you will well and faithfully behave Your Selfe as Clerk Assistant to Mr William Bladen Register of the Court of Probate of Wills &c. According to the Best of your power Skill and Knowledge and Understanding and So farr forth as in you lieth durring Such time as you shall be Imployed therein So help you God