Whereas there has happened by the Death of His Honour William Bladen Esq. late Commissary Generall of this Province who dyed on the Ninth day of August Instant, a Vacancy of a Chief Judge & Commissary Generale —

His Excellency John Hart Esq. Capt. Generale & Governour in Chief of the Province of Maryland, by Commission under his hand and his Lordships the Rt. Hon.ble the Lord Proprys Greater Seale at Armes, Given at the City of Annapolis on the 16th day of August 1718 Commissionates Ordaines Constitutes & Appointes Thos Bordley Esq. to that Office, As fol.d viz.t —

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprty of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c.a To Thomas Bordley of the City of Annapolis in the Province of Maryland Esq. — Greeting Whereas for the due Administration of Justice it is most Expedient that there be a succession from the Dead to the Living And that the Wills of all Persons Devising or bequeathing Any Real or Personall Estate may be duly proved And Letters of Administration of the Estate of all Persons dying Intestate may be granted to Such who have Right thereunto, Therefore to the End there may be no failure of Justice therein — but that it may be duly Administred within this — Province to all persons whatsoever Concerned, Know ye that We very much Relying and Confiding, In the Knowledge Care Integrity and Ability of you the said — Thomas Bordley Have And do by these Presents Commissionate Ordain and Appoint you the said Thomas Bordley

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to be our Commissary Generale and Chief Judge for probat of Wills and granting Administrations within this our Province, And in all the Incidents and Emergencies thereunto belonging or thereupon Ensueing as well in taking the Probats of all Such Wills and granting Letters of Administration as also in Receiving Examining and Passing all — Inventories and Accounts whatsoever before you to be Exhibited — And at the Suit or Instance of any Persons having or pretending to have any Interest in any Deceased's Estate within this Province to proceed adjudge Sentance & Decree the Same & Every of them And administer Right & Justice to all Persons therein Concerned According to the Known Laws & Customes of this our Province, And where those are Silent, According to the Laws Usages & Customes of the Realm of Great Britain, And further We do Grant unto you the said — Thomas Bordley to Exercise all Powers Rights Jurisdictions and Priviledges Lawfully belonging to a Court for taking the Probat of Wills and granting Administrations as af.d, Saving to all and every Such Person and persons that shall Conceive themselves Aggrieved by any Definitive Sentance by you given or to be given their Lawfull Right of Appealing — to us or our Cap.t Generale or Governour in Chief within this Province of Maryland for the time being or Such other — Person or Persons as We or they shall Appoint to hear & — Determine the Same, To Have hold Exercise Execute & Enjoy the said Office of Chief Judge and Commissary Generale and Commissioner in Chief for Probat of Wills &c.a within this Our Province as aforesaid unto you the said Thomas Bordley Esq. And to take and Receive to your own Proper use & behoof all such Just & Usuall fees as now are or shall be Settled by the Laws of this Province aforesaid, And — Generally to Act do Perform and Execute all & Singular

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