the Powers and Jurisdictions to you hereby granted from the Decease of William Bladen Esq. our late Comissary Generall until Such time as We shall signify our Will & Pleasure to the Contrary Given at the City of Annapolis under our Greater Seale at Armes this Sixteenth day of August in the Fifth year of the Reign of our Soveraigne Lord King George &c. And in the third of our Dominion &c. Annoq Dni 1718 Witness our Trusty and Wellbeloved John Hart Esq. Chr. Genl. & Governour in Chief in & Over our said Province of Maryland And Keeper of our said Greater Seale in our said Province

Jno. Hart

loco Sigilli

The Back of the aforegoing Comission was thus Endorsed

Memorandum

That on this Sixteenth day of August Anno Dni Seventeen hundred and Eighteen Came before me John Hart Esq. Chr. Genl. & Governour in Chief in & Over the Province of Maryland the within mentioned Thomas Bordley and took the Severall Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province, And also an Oath for his due Execution of the within Comission &c.

Jno. Hart

The said Thomas Bordley Esq. Constitutes ordains and Appoints John Beard of the City of Annapolis to be Register and Chief Clerk of the Prerogative Court for Probate of Wills and granting Administrations &c. in the Province of Maryland,

Whereupon the said John Beard takes the Severall Oaths Appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly of this Province to the Government and an Oath for his due Execution of his said Office as follows Viz.

You John Beard do swear that according to the best of your Skill and Knowledge you will well & faithfully Execute the Office of Register & Chief Clerk of the Prerogative Court for Probat of Wills &c. in this Province and make due and true Entries of all the Proceedings and Transactions of the said Court that any ways belongs to your said Office to do, And shall not Deny Right & Justice in your said Office to any Person or Persons whatsoever, either through fear, favour or affection but in all things well and Honestly Demeane your self in the said Office so long as you shall Continue therein So help you God

John Beard of the City of Annapolis on his Application is appointed Deputy County Clerk of Annarundell County and thereupon takes the Severall Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly And an Oath for his due Execution of the said Office And Ordered to give Bond for the same

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