Mr. John Beard late Register of the Prarogative Court having left his Service of Register — The Honble Thos Bordley Esq. Chief Judge and Commissary General is pleased to Constitute and appoint Philip Hammond of Annarund County to be Reg. of the said Court and Commissionates thereof the same as follows viz.

Maryland ss

Thomas Bordley Esq. Comty Genl and Chief Judge of the Court of Wills and granting administrations in the province of Maryland —

To Philip Hammond of the City of Annapolis Scrivener Greeting — Know ye that out of the great Trust and Confidence I have and do repose in your Diligence and Integrity as well as Skill and Judgment in Clerkships and Records necessary affairs & your Ready Inclination to doe Equall right and Justice to all persons therein Concerned or any wise Interested I have Constituted ordained and appointed and doe by these presents Constitute ordaine and appoint you the said Philip Hammond to be Chiefe Clerk and Register of the said Prarogative Court for probate of Wills and granting administrations within this province and to keep and enter or Cause to be done all and singular the records and proceedings of the said Court and Generally to act and doe in all things relating to the office of Reg. of the said Court as fully and amply as any former Reg. hath or ought to have done To hold and enjoy the said office of Reg. to you the said Philip Hammond during Pleasure Given under my hand and Seale of Office at the City of Annapolis this fourteenth day of Novemr in the fifth year of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lord King George &c. and in the third of his Lordships the right Honble the Lord Proprietary's Dominion &c. Annoq. Domi 1718 —

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And the said Philip Hammond takes the severall oaths appointed to be taken by act of Assembly of this province and an oath for the due execution of the said office of Register as follows viz.

You Philip Hammond Doe swear that according to the best of your skill and knowledge you will well and faithfully execute the office of Register or Chiefe Clerk of the County Genl or Judge of Probate of Wills Court in this province and make true and faire entries of the proceedings and transactions of the said Court soe long as you shall continue therein and shall not Deny Justice to any person or persons whatsoever either thro' fear favour or affection but in all things well and truely Doe care yourselfe soe long as you shall continue in the said office —

soe help you God —

Philip Hammond on his application to this Hon. the County General for the deputy commissary's office of Annarundel County is by this Hon. admitted thereto whereupon he takes the seveall oaths appointed to be taken by act of Assembly of this province as also an oath for the due execution of this office &c. —

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The following Proceedings Exhibitted from Queen anns County Mr Robt Jones being Deputy Commissary —

Robt Blunt with Eliz. Blunt her Testaty bond in Common forme with Phil. Conner and Francis Barnes her sureties in five hundred pounds Dated this 8th of Augt 1718 —

Robt Blunts Inventory —

Solomon Clayton admr of Robert Munday his admr bond in Common forme with Benjamin Smith and Charles Lemar his sureties in one hundred pounds Dated the 7th of August 1718 —