Maryland ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To William Holland of Annarundell County Esq.r Philip Lee of Prince George's County Esq.r and Thomas Brooke Junr. of Prince George's County Esq.r 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 devisieng or bequeathing any real or personal Estate may be duly proved and Letters of Administration of the Estate of all persons dying intestate be granted to Such who have Right Therefore to the End there be no failure of Justice therein But that it may be duly administied within this Province to all Persons whatsoever concerned Know Yee that we very much relying and confideing in the Knowledge Care Integrity and Ability of you the Said William Holland Philip Lee & Thomas Brooke Junr. have and do by these presents Commissionate ordain and appoint you the Said William Holland Philip Lee and Thomas Brooke Junr. to be Our general Commissarys or Judges for Probat of Wills and granting Administrations within this Our Province and in all the Incidents and Emergeneys thereunto belonging or thereupon arisieng as well in takeing the Probat of all Such Wills and granting of Letters of Administration as also in receiving Examining and passing all Inventorys and Accounts whatsoever before you to be Exhibited And at the Suit or Instance of any person or persons having or pretending to have any Interest in any Deceased's Estate within this province to proceed adjudge Sentence and Decree the Same and every of them and Administer Right and Justice to all persons therein concerned according to the known Laws and Customs of this Our Province and where those are Silent according to the Laws Usages & Customs of Great Brittain And further we do grant unto You the Said William Holland Philip Lee & Thomas Brooke Junr. to exercise all powers Rights and Jurisdictions and Priviledges lawfully belonging to a Court for takeing the probat of Wills and granting Administrations as aforesaid Saveing to all and every Such person or persons that Shall conceive themselves aggrieved by any Definitive Sentence by You given or to be given (their

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their lawfull Right of appealing to us Our Captain General or Governour in Chief of this Province for the time being or Such other person or persons as We or they Shall appoint to hear and determine the Same To have hold Execute and Enjoy the Said Office of Judges Generall Commissarys and Commissarys in Chief for Probat of Wills &c. within Our Said Province as aforesaid unto you the Said William Holland Philip Lee and Thomas Brooke Junr. by Your Selves or any one of Your Joyntly and Severally as you Shall see convenient and to take and receive to your proper uses and behoofs all Such Just and legall Fees to be Equally divided amongst you as now are or Shall be Settled by the Laws of this Province and generally to Act Do perform & Exercise all and Singular the Powers and Jurisdictions to You hereby granted untill Such time as we Shall Signifie Our Will and pleasure to the Contrary Given at Our City of Annapolis under the Great Seal of Our Province this Seventh Day of June in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Soverein Lord King George and in the Twelfth Year of Our Dominion &c. Annoq: Dom: 1727 Witness Our Trusty and wellbeloved Charles Calvert Esq.r Our Captain General and Chief Governour in and over Our Said Province of Maryland

Great Seal

Their Honours the Commissary Generalls having Qualified themselves according to Law & entered into Bond for the Due Execution of their Office write to Mr. George Plater their Register as follows (viz.)

Mr. Plater June 17th 1727

We Subscribers having duly Qualified Our Selves agreable to Law by takeing ye Severall Oaths to ye Govern.t Oath of Office and entered into Bond herewith transmitt: wch you are Desired to have Recorded as the Law directs and also to make out Commissions to ye Severall Deputy Com.rys that are Living and for Peter Dent of Prince Georges County in Mr. Brook's place you are likewise directed to take

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