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1753.

Whereas the Honorable Daniel Dulany Esquire late Commissary General and Judge for probate of Wills and Granting Administrations in this province of Maryland Departed this Life on the 5th Day of December 1753, whereby there hath happened a Vacancy of a Chief Judge and Commissary General in the said province

Horatio Sharpe esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the aforesaid province of Maryland by Commission under the Hond and his Lordship the Right Honorable the Lord Proprietary's greater Seal at Arms Given at the City of Annapolis on the Seventh Day of December in the year aforesaid Commissionates Ordains Constitutes and appoints the Honorable Benjamin Tasker Esquire to the said Office of Commissary General and Chief Judge for probate of Wills &c. as followeth, Viz.t

Maryland ss. Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore

To Benjamin Tasker of the City of Annapolis 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 personal Estate may be duly proved and Letters of Administration of the Estates 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 Administred within this province to all persons Concerned Know Ye that We very much Relying and Confiding in the Knowledge Care Integrity and Ability of You the said Benjamin Tasker have and do by these presents Ordain, Constitute and Appoint You the said Benjamin Tasker Our Commissary General and Judge for Probat of Wills and granting Administrations within this Our province and in all the Incidents and Emergencies thereunto belonging or thereupon arising as well in taking the probat 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 person or persons having or pretending to have any Interest in any Deceased 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 there are Silent according to the Laws Usages and Customs of England And further We do Grant unto You the said Benjamin Tasker to Exercise all powers Rights Jurisdictions and privileges lawfully belonging to a Court for taking the probat of Wills and granting Administrations as aft.d Saving to all and Every such person or persons that shall conceive themselves aggrieved by any Definitive Sentence of You to be given therein Lawful Rights of Appealing to Us or Our Governor or Commander in Chief of this province for the time being or to such other person or persons as We or they shall appoint to hear and Determine

Hor.o Sharpe.