the same; To Have, Hold, Exercise, Execute and Enjoy the said Office of Judge and Commissary General for probat of Wills and granting Administrations within Our said Province as aforesaid unto You the said Benjamin Tasker during pleasure and to take and Receive to your proper Use and Benefit all Due and Just fees profits and Emoluments belonging to a Judge of such Court which have been by Us Established or which shall hereafter be by Us or Our Governor and Council by Our Authority hereafter Established and generally to Act do perform and Execute All and Singular the powers and Jurisdictions to You hereby Granted until such time as We shall Signify Our pleasure to the Contrary Witness Our trusty and Well beloved Horatio Sharpe Esq.r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Our said Province this 7th Day of December in the Third Year of Our Dominion Annoq Domini 1753. Rob.t T. Tan.

On the Back of the aforegoing Commission was then Endorsed, Viz.t

On the 12th Day of December 1753, personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of his Lordship's Justices of the provincial Court the within named Benjamin Tasker Esquire who as Commissary General and Judge for Probat of Wills and granting Administrations within the province of Maryland Took the Several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government Repeated and Signed the Oath of Abjuration and Test also Took the Usual Oath of Office and the Oath prescribed by the Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs and for the Limitation of Officers fees now in force

Geo: Steuart.

And the said Benjamin Tasker Esq.r Commissary General and Judge as aforesaid Constituted and appointed Michael Macnemara of the City of Annapolis to serve as Chief Clerk and Register of this Court and Office and Commissionates him thereto as follows Viz.t

Benjamin Tasker Esquire Commissary General and Judge for probat of Wills and granting Administrations in the province of Maryland.

To Michael Macnemara of the City of Annapolis Gentleman sendeth Greeting.

Know You that for the Especial Trust and Confidence I have and do Repose in Your Diligence and Integrity as well as Skill and Judgment in Clerks hips and Testamentary Affairs I have Constituted Ordained and Appointed and do by these presents Constitute Ordain and Appoint You the said Michael Macnemara to be Chief Clerk and Register of the prerogative Court for probat of Wills 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 do in all things Relating to the Office of Register of the said Court as fully and Amply as any former Register hath or ought to have done Willing and Empowering You to Ask Demand Receive and into Your Custody to take all Records Escripts papers Books and Enrolments whatsoever unto the said Office belonging or in any wise appertaining To Have Hold Exercise and Enjoy the said Office of Register to You the said Michael Macnemara during pleasure Given under my Hand and Seal of Office at the City

Seal of Office.

Benj.a Tasker.

of Annapolis the 9th Day of December in the Third Year of the Dominion of his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord proprietary of this province Ann.o Annoq Domini 1753.

On the Back of the aforegoing Commission was then Endorsed, Viz.t

On the 12 Day of December 1753, personally appeared before me the Subscriber One of his Lordship's Justices of the provincial Court the within named Michael Macnemara and as Chief Clerk and Register of the prerogative Office for probat of Wills and granting Administrations Took the Several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government and also Repeated and Signed the Oath of Abjuration and Test and took the following Oath of Office Viz.t You Michael Macnemara do Swear that according to the best of Your Skill and knowledge you will well and faithfully Execute the Office of Chief Clerk or Register of the prerogative Court for probat of Wills and granting Administrations within this province and make or Cause to be made true and fair Entrys of the proceedings and transactions of the said Court that any ways belongs to the said Office to do and shall not Deny Justice to any person or persons whatsoever either through fear favour or Affection but in all things well and honestly demean your Self so long as you shall Continue in the said Office So help you God

Sworn before Jn.o Brice.

Ordered by his Honour the Commissary General that the Register write to the several Deputy Commissarys of this Province acquainting them of their being appointed Commissarys General and Judges for Probat of Wills and granting Administrations by Commission from his Excellency the Governor by which their former Commissions cease and that they are required to apply to the Office for new Commissions

Pursuant to the above Order the several Deputy Commissaries of this Province had Notice accordingly and Commissions were made out dated the Day of December 1753 to the several Persons following Viz.t

Deputy Commissary of Saint Mary's County
of Charles County
of Calvert County
of Prince George's County
of Ann Arundel County
of Baltimore County
of Cecil County
of Kent County
of Queen Ann's County
of Talbot County
of Dorchester County
of Somerset County
of Worcester County
of Frederick County