[illegible] and Provincial Court of our said province and you the said William Smallwood, Philip Hoskins, John Hoskins, Thomas Gardiner, Thomas Smith, John Hall, Sam. Young, John Bigg, Francis Jenifer, Philip Lynch, John Bozman, Thomas Sticks and William Hand, Esqrs. Justices of our said Court willing and by these presents Constituting that any three Justices Justices aforesaid or any four or more of them whereof you the said William Smallwood, Philip Hoskins, Thomas Gardiner, Thomas Smith, John Hall and Sam. Young or any four of you shall be Judges and Justices sufficient to hold a Court or Courts to enquire by the oaths of good and lawfull men of your county province by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known of all and all manner of murthers, felonys, misprisions of treason, felonys, witchcraft, enchantments, sorcerys, magick arts, trespasses, forestalling, engrossing, regrating and extortions whatsoever and all other things touching Crown and the conservation of our peace and our peace of our said province as shall be fitting of right to do and the punishing and restraining of all such persons Civil and personall and mixt within our said province. And therefore also Command you and every of you that you diligently intend the keeping of the peace in manner and form aforesaid and all and singular such things as by you shall be enquired of by virtue of this our Commission in the said Counties days and places aforesaid by the oaths of our said province enquire and Appointed or any three or more of you as aforesaid shall in that behalfe appointed you make enquiry of and upon the premisses and every and determine and perform and justice do all and singular doing what to Justice appertaineth according to the law and Customs of our Kingdom of England and our said province according unto the Statutes and other things to us belonging. And we

command the Sheriffs of our said province by virtue of their provisions that on the certaine days and at the places aforesaid or when you or any four or more of you shall appointed and make known unto them they cause to come before you or such four or more of you as aforesaid such and so many good and lawfull men of their Bailywicks by whom the truth of the premisses may be the better known and enquired of that they legislate with all and singular the Chiefe officers Civill and Military within our said province and the other our good and loyall people of the same upon their faith & Allegiance which they owe and stand bound to us in all things touching the Office of Chiefe Justice and Justices respectively as aforesaid. And the conservation of our peace and the peace aforesaid province and all and singular the premisses they be fully and totally obedient unto you aforesaid Chiefe Justice and Justices respectively. Witness our trusty & well beloved Mr. Seymour Esq. our Capt. Gen. and Governour in chief in and over our province and territory of Maryland the 25th day of August in the fourth year of our Reigne at Annapolis Anno Dnl 1705

Jo: Seymour

On the back of the foregoing Commission was thus written viz.

Maryland / Anne by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland Queen defender of the faith &c. To Thomas Smith and John Bigg Esqrs. greeting We do hereby authorize and Imprower you or one of you to administer the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy as also the oath of abjuration and of Justice of the provincial Court to the said Thomas Smith, John Hall and Sam. Young Esqrs. or any

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