Customs Laws and Statutes or any of them as according to the Form of the same Acts — Customs Laws and Statutes shall be fit to be done We have also assigned you the said Levin Gale Chief Justice of our said Court Willing & by these Presents Constituting and Authorizing that our said Chief Justice & Justices aforesaid or any two or more of them of which you the said Levin Gale George Dent Robert Gordon Henry Hooper and John Copson or one of you shall be always one Justice sufficient to hold a Court as well to Inquire by the Oaths of good & Lawfull Men of our said Province by whom the Truth of the Matter may be the better known of all & all Manner of Murthers Treasons Misprisions of Treasons Felonies Witchcrafts Enchantments Sorceries Arts Magick Trespasses Forestallings Ingrossings regratings & Extortions whatsoever And all pleas as well touching & relating — unto our Soveraign Lord the King as Ourself & the Conservation of our Peace within our said Province as also for the holding a Court of Common pleas & the Hearing & determining of all Manner of Actions Civil real Personal and Mixt within our said Province And therefore We Command you & every of you diligently to intend the keeping of our Peace & the Acts Customs Laws & Statutes aforesaid & all & singular the Premisses & that at Certain Days & Places which you or any two or more of you as aforesaid shall in that behalf appoint you make Inquiry of & upon the Premisses & them determine Perform and fulfill the same doing therein what to Justice appertains according to the Laws Customs & Directions of the Acts of Assembly of this Province so far forth as they Provide & where they are Silent according to the Laws Statutes & reasonable Customs of England as used and practised within this Province Saving to his Sacred Majesty his Heirs & Successors & other things thereof to us belonging And We Command the Severall & respective — Sheriffs of our said Province — by Virtue of these Presents that on the Certain Days & Places assigned or which you or any two or more of you as aforesaid — shall appoint & make known unto them they cause to come before you or such two or more of you as aforesaid such and so many good & Lawfull Men of their Bailywick by whom the Truth in the Premisses may be the better known & Inquired of & that they together with all & singular our Chief Officers Civil & Military within our Province & all other our good People of the same in all things touching the Office of Chief Justice and Justices respectively as aforesaid & the Conservation of our Peace & the Peace of our said Province & all & singular the Premisses be fully and wholly obedient unto you our Chief Justice and Justices respectively Witness our Trusty and well beloved Samuel Ogle Esq. Lieutenant General and Chief Governour of our said Province of Maryland this 19th Day of July in the 24th Year of our Dominion Annoq; Dom 1730.

Sam: Ogle

On the Back of which aforegoing Commission was Indorsed the following Dominus Rex Testatum est Viz. } Maryland ss

Charles Absolute Lord & Propry of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c to George Dent Robert Gordon Henry Hooper John Copson and Stephen Knight Esq.rs Greeting We do hereby authorize & Impower you or any one of you to administer the Severall Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to the Government as also the Oath of Judge or Justice of the Provincial Court to Levin Gale John Addison Benjamin Young John Hicks & Samuel Chamberlain Esq.rs or any one of them And you the said Levin Gale John Addison Benjamin Young John Hicks & Samuel Chamberlain Esq.rs or any one of you having taken the

(said)

said Oaths are impowered to administer the same as also the Oath of Judge & Justice of our said Court to the said Severall & respective Justices as they are nominated in the — within Commission And We will that you the said Severall & respective Justices within named do subscribe the Test as also the Oath of Abjuration after you & every of you having taken the Oaths abovementioned & for so doing this shall be your sufficient Authority Witness our Trusty & well beloved Samuel Ogle Esq. Lieutenant General & Chief — Governour of our said Province of Maryland this Nineteenth Day of July in the Twenty fourth Year of our Dominion &c Annoq; Dom 1730.

Sam: Ogle

(The Great Seal in Wax appendant)

Whereupon George Dent Esq. administers the Severall Oaths to the Government as also the Oath of Judge or Justice to Levin Gale & Benjamin Young Esq.rs who severally take the same & Sign the Oath of Abjuration & repeat & Sign the Test and — take their Places accordingly.

Thereupon Benjamin Young Esq. administers the Severall Oaths above mentioned to George Dent Robert Gordon Henry Hooper Stephen Knight and John Hicks Esq.rs who severally take the same and Subscribe the Oath of Abjuration and repeat & Sign the Test & take their Places accordingly.

Ordered that Warrant issue against Thomas Imbert the Jailor of Queen Annes County for the Escape of William Turner Jun. returnable next October Court.

Robert Gordon Esq. administers the Severall Oaths to be taken to the Government as also the Oath of Judge or Justice of the Provincial Court to John Copson Esq. who takes the — same Subscribes the Oath of Abjuration repeats and Signs the Test & takes his place — accordingly.

Mr. Henry Darnall on his Motion to this Court prays to be admitted an Attorney thereof which is accordingly granted upon his taking the usual Oaths to the Government as also the usual Oath of an Attorney which he does in open Court & takes his place.

The Court adjourns to the third Tuesday in October next

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