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Within this Province Saveing to our own Amerciaments and other Things thereof to our own belonging and Hereby Command the Several respective Sheriffs of our said Province by vertue of these Presents that on Certain Days and the Places assigned in your Precepts you or any two of you or more of you as of right shall appoint and make known unto them they Cause to Come before you or two or more of you as of right shall appoint and make known unto them they Cause to Come before you or two or more of you as aforesaid so many Good and Lawfull men of their Bailywicks by whom the Truth of the Premisses may be the better known and enquired of and that they together with all and Singular our Chief Officers and Civil and Military within our Province and all other our good People of the same in all things touching the same Office of Justice and Justices respectively aforesaid and the Conservation of our Peace and the Peace of said Province and all and Singular the Premisses be fully and Wholly Obedient unto our Chief Justice and Justices respectively. Witness our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Bladen Esqr Lieutenant General and Chief Governour of our said Province of Maryland this Third Day of April in the 31st Year of our Dominion &c. Anno Domini 1746.

Bladen

On the Back of the aforegoing Commission was Indorsed the following Dedimus Potestatem

Maryland ss. Charles, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To Benjamin Young George Dent Robert Gordon John Bruce and William Rogers Esquires Greeting We do hereby Authorize and impower you or any one of you to Administer the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to the Governour and the Oath of Judge or Justice of the Provincial Court to Philip Thomas John Darnall John Hepburn Robert Jenkins Henry and Richard Tilghman Esquires any one of them and you the said Philip Thomas John Darnall John Hepburn Robert Jenkins Henry and Richard Tilghman or any one of you having taken the said Oaths are impowered to Administer the same as also the Oath of Judge or Justice of our said Court to the several and respective Justices as they are Nominated in the within Commission and we will that by you the several and respective Justices within named do subscribe the Test as also the Oath of Abjuration after you and every of you having taken the Oaths above mentioned and for so doing this shall be your sufficient Authority Witness our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Bladen Esquire Lieutenant General and Chief Governour of our said Province of Maryland this Third Day of April in the 31st Year of our Dominion &c. Anno Dom 1746.

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The great Seal in Wax appendant

Thereupon John Bruce Esquire in Pursuance of the Dedimus Potestatem to him Directed Administers the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Governour as also the Oath of Judge or Justice to Philip Thomas Esq. on the Words following Viz.

You Philip Thomas do swear that as a Justice of the Provincial Court of Maryland in all Articles of this Gods holy Commission to you Directed you shall do equall Law and Right to the Kings Subjects Rich and Poor according to the Laws Customs and Practises of this Province and the Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England used and Practised within this Province; and Delay any Person of Common Right by any Cause or Pretence what soever and if Cause any Letters or other Commandments be shall Come to you Contrary to Law you do nothing by them but Cause them to be entred upon Record and certifie the King the Lord Proprietary or the Governour for the time being of them and Proceed to execute the Law notwithstanding the same Letters or Commandments. That you shall hold your Court according to the Acts of Assembly and the Directions in your Commission that you shall do and procure the Profit of the Lord Proprietary in all things where you may lawfully and reasonably the same

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That you shall not Depart or hinder the Prosecution of Justice nor take any Gift, Bribe or Fee for Delaying or rendering Judgment but shall behave your self justly and honestly and faithfully to the best of your Knowledge and understanding so long as you shall Continue in the said Office

So help you God.

Who accordingly takes the same Subscribes and repeats the Oath of Abjuration and Test and takes his Place accordingly.

Whereupon the said Philip Thomas Administers the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Governour as also the Oath of Judge or Justice to Robert Gordon Benjamin Young John Bruce and William Rogers Esqrs. who having severally taken the same Subscribes and repeats the Oath of Abjuration and Test and takes their Places accordingly.

And John Bruce Esqr Administers the several Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government as also the Oath of Judge or Justice to John Darnall Esqr who having taken the same Subscribes and repeats the Oath of Test and Abjuration and takes his Place accordingly.

Mary Dixon and Mary Smith sworn to the Grand Jury against William Pottergill

Summons Ordered and issued for Mathew Ellis to Exhibit before Stephen Higgenvagan and Thomas Brooke Junior at a reasonable the twenty first Instant

Joseph Hall by Stephen Bordley his Attorney Produces to the Court a Writ of Error in a Cause wherein he was Plaintiff against Jane Wells Defendant & Whereupon he Ordered that the Record be transmitted to the High Court of Appeals accordingly.

The Several Sheriffs being Called upon to return their respective Panels of Grand Jurors Returned the same out of which the following Persons are Chosen to be Grand Jurors Viz.

David Weems foreman

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| Walter Tolley | Benjamin Gwinn | Thomas Harris |
| Michael Earle | Richard Graves | William Govane |
| Thomas Johnson | William Cooper | John Cassty |
| Thomas Freeman | Hugh Wallace | Edward Franklin |
| Benjamin Hall | Thomas Tolden | John Bowen |
| Stephen Handy | William Ellis | Hugh Hopewell |
| | | Randall Thomson |

Who being duly elected Charged and Sworn Retire to Consider and soon after returned & presented to the Court the following Bills of Indictments & Presentments Viz. a Bill of Indictment against Richard Hodge for Felony a Presentment against John Thomas for drinking the Pretenders Health another against Bowlen Speak Junr for Ditto a Bill of Indictment against Philip Gwinn for Felony a Presentment against William Pottergill for Treason &c. a Bill of Indictment against Nathaniel Whitaker endorsed Billa Vera another against Ditto endorsed Billa Vera another against James Murphey endorsed Ignoramus another against Mordecai Hammond endorsed Ignoramus a Presentment against Margaret Anderson for felony an Indictment against Peter Hunt Junior for Murder Indorsed Ignoramus another against Margaret Anderson for felony Endorsed Ignor: another against Negro Frank for felony Endorsed Billa Vera and are Severally Content that the Court shall amend matters of form altering no matter of Substance without their Privity and enjoining the Court that no other Business Lies before them they are thereupon Discharged and Ordered to be Allowed Three thousand Pounds of Tobacco for their Service and Attendance to be Allowed at the Laying of the next Publick Levy of the Province whereupon a Copy of the Order is given to the Foreman for the same and it is further Ordered that the Clerk issue Process to all such Presentments and Indictments as are not Determined this Court and whose Recognizances shall not be given for the parties appearance at this Court.

Butler Stonestreet, Christopher Lowndes and Joseph Nuthall are severally sworn to the Grand Jury against Margaret Anderson.

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