

By the Leiu^{te}nⁿt Generall & Cheife Justice
of the Prouince of Maryland the 27th day of
July Ann^o Domini 1666

Liber H. H.
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I doe hereby apoint Robert Slye John Lawson William
Bretton Thomas Dent & william Boreman gen^t to be
^{locus} Justices of the peace in and for the County of S^t Maries And
^{Sigilli} Charles Caluert to doe & execute all such things as are belong-
ing to any Justice of the peace wthin this prouince,
The said persons first taking the Oath of fidelity to the Rig^t
Hon^{ble} Cæcilius Lord Proprietary of this prouince and the Oath
of a Justice of the peace, Which Oaths I doe apoint the said
w^m Bretton to Administer to the said Robert Slye John Lawson
Thomas Dent & william Boreman and after they haue taken
the said Oaths then they or either of them to Administer the
like Oaths to the said w^m Bretton for which this Shall be a
Sufficient Warrant to them and euery of them, Giuen und^r my
hand and seale the day and yeare first aboue written

The Oath of a Justice of peace

I doe swear that I will well and truly execute the Office of
a Justice of the peace wthin the County of S^t Marys according
to my best skill and knowledge so help me God

August the 22th 1666 and in the
35th yeare of his lordp^s Dominion

Commission then issued and Granted to Cap^t Will^m Thorne
to be Cap^t (under Charles Caluert Esq^r Cap^t Generall) of all
the forces: on the Easterne Shore of this prouince from Wicco-
comoco that Joynes uppon Mannij to the north point of Poca-
moke on the said Easterne Shore

Mutatis mutandis ut est in fo: 23
To Cap^t william Euans

[Erection of Somerset County.]

Cæcilius Absolute lord & Prop^{ry} of the p^{vin}ces of Maryland p. 268
& Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c To Stephen Horsey,
W^m Stevens, W^m Thorne, James Jones John Winder Henry
Boston George Johnson & John White gent. Greet^s know ye
that wee for the ease & benifitt of the people of this o^r p^{vin}ce
& for the Speedy & more exact Admⁿcom of Justice have erected
& doe by theis pnts erect all th^t Tract of land wthin this our
prouince of Maryland bounded on the South with a line drawne