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Charles Absolute Lord and Prop^{ty} of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^a To Our trusty and well beloved Cozens Henry Darnall Esq^r and William Digges Esq^r Justices of our Provinciaall Court of this our Province of Maryland Greeeting Whereas for the due Administration of Justice It is most necessary that there be a succession from the dead to the living, and that the wills of all persons dyeing who in their life tyme doe make wills may be duely proved, and Letters of Administration of all persons dyeing without wills may be granted to such persons who have the best right to succeed thereunto, that there may in that case be noe failure of Justice but that it may be duely Administred to all people within the s^d Province of Maryland. Know therefore that wee trusting in the Ability care and Integrity of you our s^d Cozens To be our Judges or Commissary Gen^l for probate of Wills and granting of Administrations within the whole Province of Maryland aforesaid, and for all manner of Causes relateing to the probate of Wills and granting of Administracōns of the goods and Chattells of all persons already deceased or hereafter deceaseing as to any Goods or Chattells which they have or shall have within the s^d Province of Maryland. And in all the Incidencies and Emergencies thereunto belonging or thereupon ariseing, and in all matters concerning the Exhibiting of the Inventories or Accompts upon the makeing probate of any such Will or Wills or Granting of any Letters of Administracōn, and of all and every the rights and appurtences thereunto belonging at the suite or Instance of any person or persons haveing or pretending to have any Interest, and to proceed and Determine, sentence, decree and adjudge the same, and every of them and Administer right and Justice to all and Every person therein according to the Lawes in such Cases, and according to the vseage and Customes of the s^d Province. And wee doe also hereby grant unto you all other powers and privileges rights and jurisdiction lawfully belonging to a Court for makeing probate of Wills or Granting Letters of Administration as aforesaid and all due and just ffees profitts and Emolum^{ts} belonging to a Judge or Judges of such a Court as shall be agreed and settled by us or our Lievetenant and Council in our s^d Province Saveing to all and every person and persons that shall conceive themselves aggrieved their Lawfull appeales to us or in our absence to our Lievetenant of the s^d Province for the tyme being or such other person or persons as wee or our s^d Lievetenant shall appoint to heare and Determine the same. To have hold exercise and enjoy