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people in all; and every the articles of the same; and to chastise and  
punish all persons offending against the forme of any the Lawes  
and orders of this our Province or of any of them in Sommer set  
County aforesaid as according to the forme of the said Lawes and  
orders shall be fitt to be done; We have also Constituted and  
ordained you and every four or more of you (of which you be  
said Stephen Horsey, William Stevens, John White Henry  
Smith and James Herdon (unless some one of our Councell be  
present) to be Commissioners to enquire by the  
order of good and Lawfull men of your County aforesaid; of  
all manner of felonies, witherights, Burthment, forceryes  
magick art, trespasses, forestallings, ingrossings and extortions  
whatssoever, and of all and singular other misdeeds and offences of  
which Justice of the peace in England may or ought Lawfully  
to enquire by whomsoever or wheresoever done and perpetrated  
or which hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the  
County aforesaid; against the Lawes and orders of this our Province  
Provided that you proceed <sup>not</sup> in any of the Cases aforesaid to take life  
or member, But that in every such Case you send the prisoners  
with their indictments and the whole matter depending before you  
to the next provinciall Court to be holden for this our Province  
wheresoever or wheresoever to be holden there to be tried; And further  
we doe hereby authorize you to issue writts, Process arreasts and  
attachments; to hold plea of lease and deterrment, returnes or  
returnes to be holden and after judgement execution to  
award in all Causes Civill whetever in Actions real or personall  
where the thing in Action doth not exceed the value of three  
thousand pounds of tobacco, according to the Lawes orders and  
reasonable Customes made and used in this our Province of  
Maryland