

## [Commission to Brent and others.]

Liber P. R. locus + sigilli. Cecilius &c. To all &c. Know ye that  
 P. 159 whereas heretofore I have made severall authorities & directed  
 one or more Commissions to severall p̄sons in Maryland for  
 the well ordering & disposall from time to time of my stock or  
 stocks of neate & other cattell, & of all other my goods &  
 chattells there, & also of all rents fines confiscaōns or escheats,  
 tribute or other gifts from the Indians, customes or Subsidies  
 granted to me by any gr̄all Assembly, & all other p̄fits &  
 emoluments belonging to me within the said Prov. of Mary-  
 land; & for the better managing cleering letting such farme  
 or farmes Mannor or Mannors or other lands sett out &  
 designed there for my p̄ticular vse, according to such direc-  
 tions & instruccōns as I should from time to time send thether  
 for the purposes above mentioned, And whereas some of the  
 aforesaid p̄sons are since deputed out of the said Prov., where-  
 by I may receive much preiudice in the neglect of that service;  
 wherefore I have thought fitt out of the confidence I have of  
 the integrity fidelity & good affection towards me of my trusty  
 & welbeloved Giles Brent Esq my Leiuten' gen: of the said  
 Prov. of maryl: John Lewger Esq my Secretary, James Neale  
 and Thomas Gerard Esqes all of my Counsell there, and  
 william brainthwait gent, to constitute, and I doe hereby con-  
 stitute ordeine & appoint them the said Giles Brent John  
 Lewger James Neale Thomas Gerard and william Brainthwait  
 to be Commiss<sup>rs</sup> for my Treāry within the said Prov: And I  
 doe hereby authorise them or any two of them (whereof the  
 said Giles Brent to be alwaies one) to take care of, receive, &  
 dispose from time to time of all & every such things as are  
 above mentioned belonging to me within the said Prov: to my  
 best advantage according to such directions & instruccōns as  
 the said Commiss<sup>rs</sup> shall from time to time receive from me, &  
 in default therof, according to their best discretions. And to  
 appoint from time to time, change, alter, or remove any such  
 officers to receive my rents & other profitts above mentioned  
 there, as also to look to my stock of neat cattell; & for the  
 better exequution of all other the said p̄mises, & to allow such  
 salary & wages to be paid to them out of the profits above  
 mentioned or sale yearly of some of my said neat cattell, as  
 they or any two of them (wherof the said G. B. to be alwaies  
 one) shall from time to time think fitt. And I doe hereby  
 ratifie & confirme what the said Commiss<sup>rs</sup> or any two of them  
 (wherof the said G. B. to be one) shall from time to time law-  
 fully doe in any of the premises as much as if I my selfe had  
 beene p̄nt & had done the same, willing & requiring the said  
 Commiss<sup>rs</sup> & every of them that they or two of them at the