

by by us intended to be reposed in you wherefore we do by these presents authorize Constitute and appoint you to be Commander of the Island of Kent within our said Prov^e and the Inhabitants thereof and do Grant unto you all such fees Perquisites and Profits as are belonging to the said Place and Office of Commander of the said Island to have and to hold the said place and Office and Fees Perquisites and Profits aforesaid till we or our heirs shall signify our or their Pleasure to the Contrary under our or their hand and Seal at Arms and we do further Grant hereby unto you full Power and Authority to elect and choose any six or more able and Sufficient men Inhabitants of the said Island as you in your discretion shall think fit with whom you shall advise and Consult in all matters of importance whom we do do appoint shall be Authorised Commissioners for that purpose under the Great Seal of our said Province and to call a Court or Courts as often as there shall be Cause and in the said Courts to award in our name all manner of process hold pleas and finally to hear and determine all Causes and Actions whatsoever civil hapning and Arising between any the Inhabitants of the said Island not exceeding in damage or demands the Value of ten pounds Sterling as also to hear and finally to determine all matters and Offences whatsoever Criminall happening and Committed within the said Island which may be heard and determined by any Justice of the peace in England in their Courts of Session not extending to Life or Member and we do further Authorise you to do use and execute all and all manner of Jurisdiction and Authority whatsoever for the Conservation of the Peace within the said Island as any Justice of Peace in England may or ought to do by Virtue of his Commission for the Peace & further to elect and appoint all necessary Officers for the execution of Justice and Conservation of the peace there with Allowance of such fees as are usually belonging to the same or the like Officers in Virginia and to do all other things and Acts which shall be necessary for the execution of the Power and Jurisdiction hereby Committed unto you Given under our hand and Greater Seal at Arms at Bath the 12th day of August in the 17th Year of our Dominion over the said Province of Maryland Annoq Dñi 1648

Liber C. B.

p. 206

Commission for Secretary in
Maryland

Cecilus Absolute Lord and Proprietor &c^a Know yee that we reposing special trust and Confidence in the Wisdom diligence and fidelity of our trusty and well Beloved Thomas Hatton Gent have Constituted appointed and Ordained and