

Liber C. B. vince for the time being of one whole County within our said Province of Maryland to be newly set forth erected Nominated and Appointed for that Purpose round about and next Adjoyning to the place he shall so settle and Plant in Provided that the said County and such Place of his Settlement and Plantation their or any part thereof do not extend into or intrench upon any County or Countys already nominated settled or disposed of there and to be allotted set out and apportioned by such a quantity and number of miles and such extend and Circumference of Ground as other Countys in our said Province or as Counties in Virginia are usually allotted elected and extended by the best ways and means that our said Lieutenant and he the said Robert Brooke and other our Officers there can find out devise or advise and we do hereby Grant unto him the said Robert Brooke all such Honours Dignities Priviledges fees Perquisites Profits and immunities as are belonging to the said Place and Office of Commander of the said County and as are used and enjoyed by other Commanders of the County of the Isle of Kent or any other County in the said Province to have and to hold the said Place and Office and all Honours Dignities fees Perquisites Profits and immunities as aforesaid untill 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 hereby further Grant unto him the said Robert Brooke full Power and Authority to elect and Choose any six or more such

P. 234 able and sufficient men Inhabitants of the said County as he in his discretion shall think fit (to be approved of from time to time by us or our heirs or by our or their Lieu^t of the said Province for the time being) with whom he shall advise and Consult in all matters of importance whom we do hereby appoint shall be by our Lieutenant for the time being from time to time authorized under the Great Seal of our said Province Commissioners for that Purpose and for Conservation of the Peace of the said County in such manner as others are appointed in our said County of the Isle of Kent and we do hereby further empower him the said Robert Brooke to appoint and Call a Court or Courts within the Precints of the said County as often as there shall be Cause and in the said Court or Courts to award in our name all manner of Process hold pleas and finally to hear and determine all Civil Causes and Actions whatsoever happening and arising between any of the Inhabitants of the said County not exceeding in damages or demands the Value of ten Pounds Sterling as also with the Assistance of the said Commissioners or any three or more of them to hear and finally to determine all matters and Offences whatsoever Criminal hapning and Committed within the said County which may be heard and determined by any of the Justices of Peace in England in their