

Liber H. H. Memorand the Articles aboue written were Signed and deliuered by the Sasquesahannahs the 21th of May 1661

[Appointment of Justices.]

Cæcilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Barron of Baltemore &c. To Collonell William Evans John Abbington Thomas Mathews Thomas Dent Richard Willan John Lawson Thomas Turner and Luke Gardner Gentlemen Greeting Knowe Yee that wee for the greate truste and Confidence wee haue in yo^r fidellityes Circumspeccōns Prouidences and wisdomes haue constituted ordained and appoynted and doe by theis p^rsents constitute ordeine and appoynte yo^w the said Collonell William Evans John Abbington Thomas Mathews Thomas Dent Richard Willan John Lawson Thomas Turner and Luke Gardner Gent Com^{rs} Ioyntly and seuerally to keepe the peace in S^t Marys County aforesaid And to keepe and cause to be kept all
p. 106 Lawes and orders made for the good and Conservacōn of the peace and for the quiett Rule and Gouvernm^t of the people in all and every the Articles of the same And to chastise and punish all persons offending ag^t the forme of any of the lawes and orders of this our Province or of any of them in S^t Marys County aforesaid as according to the forme of those lawes and orders shall be fitt to be done Wee haue alsoe constituted and ordeyned yo^w and euey foure or more of yo^w of which yo^w the said William Evans John Abbington Thomas Mathews or Thomas Dent, vnles some one of our Councell be p^rsent are allwayes to be one Com^{rs} to enquire by the oathe of good and lawfull men of yo^r County aforesaid of all manner of Felonyes witchcrafts inchantm^{ts} Sorcerys Magick Arts trespasses forestallings ingrossings and Extorcōns whatsoever And of all and singuler other misdeeds and offences of which Justices of the peace in England may or ought lawfully to Enquire by whomesoeuer or whensoeuer done or perpetrated or which hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the County afores^d ag^t the Lawes and orders of this our Province Prouided yo^w proceed not in any of the cases aforesaid to take life or member, but that in every such case yo^w send the Prisoners with their Indictm^t and the whole matter Depending before yo^w to the next Pro^{all} Courte to be houlden for this our Province whensoeuer or wheresoeuer to be houlden there to be tryed And further wee doe hereby authorize yo^w to issue writts process arrests and Attaychm^{ts} to holde plea of heare and Determine and after Judgem^t execucōn to Award in all causes civill whether in accons reall or personall, where the thing in accōn doth not exceed the vallue of three thousand pounds of