

Cæcilius &c. Know yee th<sup>t</sup> wee reposing Speciall Confidence & trust in you M<sup>r</sup> John Lawson & for that the County Court of S<sup>t</sup> Mary's have presented yo<sup>w</sup> amongst three to serue as Sherriffe for the said County for this Ensueing yeare have Constituted Ordayned & appointed & doe by theis presents Constitute Ordaine & appoynt you Sherriffe of the s<sup>d</sup> County, & to have such priviledges and benefitts as any other Sherriffe within this our prouince of Maryland now hath or any other sherriffe of your s<sup>d</sup> County ever have had held or Enjoyed or of Right ought to have had held or Enjoyed To have & to hold the said office or Jmploym<sup>t</sup> for one whole yeare to be Computed from the first day of Aprill next Ensueing and after till another Sherriffe by yo<sup>r</sup> s<sup>d</sup> County Court to be p<sup>r</sup>esented shall be lawfully by Pattent Constituted Provided that he the said John Lawson doe in open Court in his said County take the Oath of Sherriffe hereunto annexed & giue security for the well discharging of his Office & trust according to the Act of Assembly in th<sup>t</sup> case provided Given att S<sup>t</sup> Marys vnd<sup>r</sup> our Lesser Seale of our said province of Maryland the 23<sup>th</sup> day of March in the 34<sup>th</sup> yeare of our dominion over our s<sup>d</sup> province of Maryland Annoq dom 1664 Wittnes our deare Sonn & heire Charles Caluert Esq<sup>r</sup> our Leiv<sup>t</sup> Generall of our s<sup>d</sup> province of Maryland

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These are to will & require you that by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July next you cause a list to be taken of all the Tithables within yo<sup>r</sup> County & that in the s<sup>d</sup> list the name & surname of Each Tithable p<sup>o</sup>son & the howse of his abode be distinctly sett downe & a Coppy thereof faire written & sent immediately downe to the Governo<sup>r</sup> & Councill & another Coppy of the s<sup>d</sup> list sett up in the Court howse att yo<sup>r</sup> next County Court to remaine there for the whole yeare to the End th<sup>t</sup> if any Errors be therein they may be corrected & the same certefied to the Gover<sup>r</sup> & Councill before the first day of Septemb<sup>r</sup> next herein faile not as yo<sup>w</sup> will answer the Contrary And for soe doing this shall be yo<sup>r</sup> Warr<sup>t</sup> Given vnder my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> of Aprill 1665

To John Lawson High  
Sherriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Marys  
County

You shall well & truely serue the Lord Proprietary in the Office of a Sherriffe of the County of S<sup>t</sup> Mary's & doe his l<sup>o</sup>p<sup>s</sup> profit in all things th<sup>t</sup> belongs unto you by way of Office as far forth as yo<sup>w</sup> can or may yo<sup>w</sup> shall truely & R<sup>t</sup>fully treat the people of yo<sup>r</sup> Sherriffwick & doe Right as well to the poore as to the Rich in all th<sup>t</sup> belongs vnto yo<sup>r</sup> Office you shall doe noe Wrong to any man for any Guift favour hate or other affecon yo<sup>w</sup> shall duly Execute soe farr as you may all such

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