

Liber H. H. from Wattocks point (being the North point of th^t bay into w^{ch} the River Wighco form^{ly} called Wighcocomoco afterwards Pocomoke & now Wighcocomoco againe doth fall exclusively) to the Ocean on the East. Nantecoke river on the North & the Sound of Chesapeake bay on the West into a County by the name of Sommersett County in hono^r to our Deare Sister the lady Mary Somersett & for the great trust & confidence we have in your fidelities Circumpeccōns Providdnces and Wisdomes have Constituted Ordeyne & appoynted & doe by theis pnts constitute Ordeyne & appoint you Stephen Horsy W^m Stevens W^m Thorne James Jones John Winder Henry Boston, George Johnson & John White gent. Com^{rs} Jointly & seu^{ally} to keepe the peace in Sommersett County afores^d & to keepe & cause to be kept all lawes & Ord^{rs} made for the good & conservacōn of the peace. & for the quiett rule & gou^mt of the people in all & eu^y the Articles of the same & to chastice & punish all p^{sons} offending ag^t the forme of any lawes & Ord^{rs} of this our pvince or any of th^m in Som^rsett Co^{nty} afores^d as according to the forme of those lawes & Ord^{rs} shall be fitt to be done Wee have alsoe Constituted & Ordeyne

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