

within the County of S^t Maries giving you hereby full and absolute power and authority to doe exercise and exequite all the same and the like act and acts thing and things power and powers as may be or vsually are exercised and exequuted by any Justice of Peace in England by vertue of his Commission for the peace; and further we doe hereby authorise you to take and record recognisances in all causes betweene partie and partie and the same recognisance to be of as full force to all intents & purposes as if it had beene taken and recorded before any Judge of record in England. And further we doe hereby authorise appoint and assigne you to be o^r Com^r in causes testamentary, to prove the last wills and testaments of persons deceased, and to grant admrāon of the estates of persons dying intestate within our said Province, and to take inventaries and accompts and the same to record, and to give discharges therevpon; and to minister an oath to any person or persons wisse or witnesses exequutors or admrātors as often as there shalbe cause: and finally to doe all other things w^{ch} shalbe necessary for the exequution of the power & iurisdiction in any the premises committed vnto you. Given at S^t Maries this foure and twentieth day of January 1637
witness Leonard Calvert &c.

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Commission of Sheriff to James Baldrige

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Cecilius Lord Proprietor to our trusty James Baldrige, greeting. wee reposing especiall trust & confidence in your ability and experience, have constituted and authorised, and doe hereby constitute, authorise, and appoint you to be Sheriff and coroner of the County of S^t maries vntill we shall signifie our pleasure to the contrary, giving you hereby full power and neverthesse straitly inioining and commanding you to doe all and every thing and things w^{ch} vnto the office of a sheriff and coroner of any County in England doe or may belong. Given at S^t maries this 29th January 1637 witness Leonard Calvert Leutenant gräll

This day came before me James Baldrige, and acknow- p. 23
ledgeth himselfe to owe vnto the Lord Proprietor one thousand pound weight of good merchantable tobacco to be paid vnto the said Lord Proprieto^r his heires or assignes. &c.

The condition of this Recognisance is such that if the within bounden James Baldrige shall well and duely exequite the office of sheriff to him committed, & shall exequite all writts and warrants to him directed so far forth as he may, then this recognisance to be void; or els to stand in full force and vertue

James Baldrige

Recogn^t coram me
John Lewger Secretary.