

and Appointed and do by these presents Constitute Ordain and Appoint you the said Raymond Stapleford Iohn Pollard William Stevens Stephen Gary William Stevens Henry Tripp Anthony Le Compte and Henry Hooper Gent Commissioners jointly and severally to keep the peace in Dorchester County and to keep and Cause to be kept all Laws and Ordinances made for the good and Conservation of the peace and for the quiet Rule and Gov<sup>t</sup> of the People in all and every the Articles of the same and to Chastise and punish all persons Offending against the Form of any the Laws and Orders of our said province of Maryland or any of them in Dorchester County aforesaid as according to the form of those Laws and Orders shall be fit to be done We have also Constituted and Ordained you and every four or more of you of which you the said Raymond Stapleford Iohn Pollard or William Stevens of Little Choptank (unless some one of our Council be present are also to be our Commissioners to enquire by the Oath of Good and Lawful men of your County aforesaid of all manner of Felonies witchcrafts Inchantments Sorceries Magick Arts Trespasses forestallings engrossings and extortions whatsoever and of all and singular other misdeeds and Offences of which Iustices of the Peace in England may or ought Lawfully to enquire by whomsoever or whensoever perpetrated or which hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the County aforesaid against the Laws and Ordinances of our said Province of Maryland Provided you proceed not in any the Cases aforesaid to take Life or member but that in every such Case you send the prisoners with their indictment and the whole matter depending before you to the next Provincial Court to be holden for our said Province of Maryland whensoever or wheresoever to be holden there to be tried and further we do hereby Authorize you to issue Writts process arrests & attachments to hold Plea of Oyer and terminer, and after Iudgment Execution to award in all Causes Civil whether Real or personall in Action doth not exceed three thousand pounds of Tobacco to the Laws Orders and Reasonable Customs made and used in Province of Maryland in which Causes civil to be tryed we do Constitute Ordain and Appoint you Raymond Stapleford Iohn Pollard and William Stevens of little Choptank to be Iudges as aforesaid unless some of our Council be then in Court and therefore we do Command you that you diligently intend the keeping of the peace Laws and Orders and all and singular other the premises and at certain days appointed according to Act of Assembly in that Case provided and at such Places which you or any four or more of you as aforesaid shall in that Behalf appoint ye make enquiries upon the prem-