

Liber A. M. appointed me his Principal Secretary of this Province together with the Keeping Enrolling Registering and Exemplefying of all Records Journalls Grants Patents &c^t within this Province also hath made and appointed me his Lordships chief Iudge for Probat of Wills and Granting of Administrations within this Province as also his publick Notary within this Province all which Offices to have and and Execute by my self or sufficient deputy or deputies & his said Lordship hath also Granted to me the said William Talbot all Profits fees Benefits or Advantages arising or becoming due by reason or means of the said Offices or Employments or any of them and it so hapning and falling out that I the said William Talbot have at present some urgent Occasions and Affairs in the Kingdom of England that Require my personall being there and therefore for the Execution of the said Offices and Places in my absence must depute and Authorize some fitting Person to do Negotiate and perform the same and I Reposing especial trust and Confidence in the ability Honesty Care and Circumspection of Robert Ridgely of the County of Saint Marys in the Province of Maryland aforesaid Clerk have deputed Constituted and appointed and by these presents do depute Constitute and appoint the said Robert Ridgeley to be my Chief Clerk under me in all and every the said Offices and Employments and also

p. 66 Clerk of the Provincial Court & and Register and Examiner of the high Court of Chancery & also to keep in his Custody the lesser Seal of this Province and all things belonging to the said Places and Offices to me belonging or appertaining to be done by virtue of my said Commission in my absence I do fully hereby Authorize depute and appoint the said Robert Ridgely to do and perform the same in as full & ample Manner as I might or could do if I were personally present to do and perform the same hereby Giving and Granting unto the said Robert Ridgely my full Power whole strength and Authority to do and execute all Or any the premises as my sufficient deputy in my absence Provided that the said Robert Ridgely shall once in every month if demanded Give and Account to his Excellency Charles Calvert Esq^r of what Business or Businesses he shall do dispatch or negotiate in the said Employments as aforesaid and also in the doing and managing the same shall be wholly advised and take and Observe all the directions in the same that his said Excellency shall think fit to give him saving to my self all fees dues Perquisites vails Regards or profits that to the said Office or Offices or any of them in any wise shall Arise or become due yet Considering the trouble pains & care Incumbent upon the said Robert Ridgely in the Execution of the Place and Office aforesaid I do hereby engage to allow unto him meat drink and Lodging sufficient and