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Order of the Convention for the tryall of
Woodcock for the murder of Paine.

By the Convention Aprill 16th
1691.

Upon severall readings in the house of his Maj^{ties} Letter Commission and dated the 26th of Aprill last and directed to such as for the time being take care for the preserving the peace and administring the Lawes within this his Majes^{tyes} Province of Maryland &c. now lately recd from the hon^{bles} their Maj^{ties} Dep^{ty} Govern^r of Virg^a and upon full and mature deliberation and consideration had of the contents thereof, and of his Maj^{ties} express Comands therin signified and sett forth.

Resolved that the most proper and Effectual meanes and Method to comply therewith and to put the same in Execution as also to curb & putt a stop to the insolency and exorbitant rude behaviour practice and attempts of their Maj^{ties} enemies within this Province to disturb the peace & quiet thereof, is by way of Ordinance or Commission to issue from this house for the Opening, Erecting, and appointing of a Provinciaall or Superior Court of Iustice within this Province as well for the tryall and condemnation or acquittall of the murderers of M^r Iohn Payne pursuant to his Maj^{ties} p^{ticular} and express commands in the said Letter, as also for the holding hearing and determining of all pleas relating to the conservation of their Maj^{ties} peace and the peace of the Province and their Maj^{ties} rights & revenues within the same together with all other pleas formerly used or accustomed to be held in the sd Provinciaall Court (matters only relating to probate of Wills &c. already granted to and within the cognisance of the County Courts & matters relating to Titles of Land excepted.

Ordered that Commission be accordingly drawn and issue to Nehemiah Blakiston Esq^{re} Chiefe Iustice, Coll Henry Iowles Coll George Robotham, Maj^r Nicholas Greenberry, M^r Thomas Tench, Maj^r Rob^t King, Doct^r Iohn Brooke Coll Nicholas Gassaway, M^r Iohn Edmondson, M^r Iohn Adison & M^r Robert Mason, Iustices of the said Court thereby to be Authorised constituted and appointed

Signed p order.

Iohn Llewelin Clk.

(Endorsed)

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Rec^d 10th of Oct 1691.

from my Ld Baltemore.