

Lib. R. R. hereby Depute authorise and Empower Robert Ridgely to be Clerke of the said Co^t and to be Register of the Court of Chancery during my pleasure, and the said office to Execute in as full and ample manner as any other Clerke of the said Co^t heretofore used & Exercised the same, and to aske Receive and take all fees dues Vayles Reguards belonging and appertening to the said office to the said Ridgely's owne use without being accountable for the same to any pson from the Tenth day of September last untill and During such time as he shall Execute the same and for his so doing this shalbe his sufficient warrant Given und^r my hand and Seale at armes this 25th day of Aprill in the 41th yeare of the Dominion of Cecilius &c. Annoq Domini 1673.

[Commission to Philip Calvert.]

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 Cecilius &c. To our Dearly beloved Brother Phillip Calvert Esq^r our Chancell^r of o^r said Province of Maryland. Greeting. Whereas for the due Administracōn of Justice it is most necessary that there be a succession from the Dead to the Liveing. And that the wills of all persons dyeing who in their life time doe make wills may be duely proved, and Letters of Administration of all psons dyeing without wills may be graunted to such psons who have the best Right to succeed therunto, that there may (in that case) be noe failer of Justice but that it may be duly Administred to all People within the said Province of Maryland. Know Therefore that wee Trusting in the abillity Care & integrity of you our said Brother have Constituted and Ordeyned, and by this our Comission doe Constitute and Appoint you our said Brother to be our Judge or Comissary Generall for Probate of wills and Graunting of Administracōns within the whole Province of Maryland affores^d and the Islands thereunto belonging. And for all manner of causes Relateing to the probate of wills & Graunting of Administracōns of the goods & Chattells of all persons already deceased or hereafter deceasing as to any Goods or Chattells which they have or shall have within the said Province of Maryland and in all the Incidencyes and Emergencyes thereunto belonging or thereupon Arriseing, and in all matters Concerneing the Exhibiting of the Inventoryes or Accompts upon the makeing probate of any such will or wills or Graunting of any Letters of Administracōn, and of all and eu^y the Rights and Appurtenences thereunto belonging, at the suite or instance of any pson or psons haveing or pretending to have Interest, and To Proceed & Determyne, sentence, decree and Adjudge the same & every of them, and to