

Lib. R. on trade, soe that the planter and Merchant are both forced to make many debts w<sup>ch</sup> causeth many suites at law, as also that speedy Justice in the recovery of Debts is therefore the life of all trade, and also that speedy Justice may be done betweene party and party, We have Assigned you the said William Burges, Samuel Lane, John Welsh, Nathaniel Heathcott, Henry Stockett, Richard Hill, Thomas ffrancis, Nicholas Gassoway, Edward Burges, John Sollers, Henry Ridgely, Edward Darcey and Richard Beard Jun<sup>r</sup> or any four or more of you, (whereof you the said William Burges, Samuel Lane, John Welsh, and Nathaniel Heathcott are alwaies to be one) Justices within our s<sup>d</sup> County of Anne Arrundell, to heare and Determine all causes or Actions of Debt howsoever and in what manner soever Ariseing, All Actions of trespass upon the case, ariseing for goods, wares, or other things delivered, money or goods lent or upon Note, booke or Accompt without restraint to any summe or Quantity whatsoever, Also all Actions of trespass, quare clausum fregit, (provided noe title to land depends upon the triall of such Actions) Detinue, sur trover, Replevin, Actions of Accompt, Covenant, waste, Assault, menace, Battery, and imprisonm<sup>t</sup> Actions of Slander for words spoken, provided that in the Declaration drawne and filed in and upon any the s<sup>d</sup> Actions of trespass, quare clausum fregitt, detinue Sur trover, Replevin, Actions of Acco<sup>t</sup> Covenant, waste, Assault menace, battery, and imprisonm<sup>t</sup> or Actions for words spoken before mentioned, the Damages laid doe not exceed the summe of sixteene hundred pounds of tobacco. And therefore we command you that at the certain Dayes settled by the Law of this our Province for holding Courts in our said County, the said Actions you enquire into, heare and Determine, and after judgem<sup>t</sup> Execution to award, Doing therein what to justice appertaineth, according to the Lawes and reasonable customs of this our Province, Saveing to us the Amerciam<sup>ts</sup> and other things to us appertaining,

p. 15<sup>t</sup> And to all his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects resideing here und<sup>r</sup> our immediate p<sup>te</sup>ction or tradeing within this Province their right of Appeale, and bringing writts of Error in our Prov<sup>l</sup> Court as now by Law is settled. And Wee command the Sheriff of our said County that at the dayes and places by you or any four or more of you to be appointed as aforesaid, he cause to come before you such and soe many honest and lawfull men of his Bailywick by whom the truth of the p<sup>r</sup>misses may the better be knowne and enquired into, And we doe hereby Declare that it shall and may be lawfull, And we doe hereby Authorise and empower any one (and noe more at any one time) of our Justices of our Prov<sup>l</sup> Court resideing and Inhabiting in our said County of Anne Arrundell to sitt with the