

Lib. R. R. John Jordaine, W^m Boarman, Gerard Slye, Richard Loyd, John Warren, W^m Rossewell, W^m Hatton, Justinian Gerard, Tho: Gerard, Joseph Pile, & Joshua Doyne gentl Greeting Know ye that we for the great Trust & Confidence we have in yo^r fidelities Circumspeccōns Prudences & Wisdomes have Constituted Ordeyned & Appointed & doe by these p^rsents Constitute Ordeyne & Appoint you the said Tho: Dent, John Jordaine, W^m Boarman, Gerard Slye, Richard Loyd, John Warren, W^m Rossewell, W^m Hatton, Justinian Gerard, Thomas Gerard, Joseph Pile & Joshua Doyne gentl. Comission^{rs} joyntly & severally to keepe the Peace in S^t Maryes County And to keep & cause to be kept all Lawes & orders made for the good & Conservacōn of the Peace, & for the quiet rule & Governm^t of the People in all & every the Articles of the same And to Chastise & punish all Persons Offending against the forme of any the Lawes & Orders of our said Province or of any of them in S^t Maryes County aforesaid as according to the forme of these Lawes & Orders shall be fitt to be done We have also Constituted & Ordeyned you & every foure or more of you of which you the said Tho: Dent, John Jordaine, W^m Boarman & Gerard Slye (unlesse some one of Councill be p^rsent) are also to be our Comission^{rs} to Enquire by the Oaths of good & lawfull men of yo^r County aforesaid of all manner of felonyes Witchcrafts Inchantm^{ts} Sorceryes Magic Arts, Trespasses Forestallings Ingrossings & Extorcōns whatsoever And of all & singuler other misdeeds & Offences of which Justices of the Peace in England may or ought lawfully to Enquire by whomsoever or whensoever done or p^rpetrated or which hereafter shall happen to be done or p^rpetrated in the County aforesaid against the Lawes & Ord^{rs} of our said Province. Provided you proceed not in any of the cases aforesaid to take life or member But that in every such Case you send the Prison^{rs} with their Indictm^t & the whole matter depending before you to the next Provincial Court to be holden for our said Province whensoever or wheresoever to be holden there to be Tryed And further we doe hereby Authorize you to Issue writts Processes Arrests & Attachm^{ts} to hold Plea of Oyer & Terminer & after Judgem^t Execucōn to Award in all causes Civill whither in Accōns Reall or Personall where the thing in Accōn doth not Exceed the Value of three Thousand pounds of Tobacco according to the Lawes Orders & reasonable Customes made & used in our said Province of Maryland In which causes Civill so to be Tryed we doe Constitute Ordeyne & Appoint you Tho: Dent, John Jordaine, W^m Boarman & Gerard Slye to be Judges as aforesaid (unlesse some one of Our Councill be then in Court)

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