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Administer unto Coll Henry Coursey the Oath of Judge of the Lib. R. R. R. Provinciall Court

The same Oath Administred by Coll Henry Courcey to Coll Thomas Taillor & Coll. Vincent Lowe.

Coll George Talbott Coll Henry Darnall & Coll W^m Stevens sworne Justices of the said Court.

The Oath of Privy Councellor Administred by Coll Henry Coursey to Maj^r Thomas Trueman haveing formerly taken the Oath of Justice of the Provinciall Court

Proposed by his L^{dsp} whither it might not be necessary to sett forth his Proclamation for the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants to give them tyme convenient for the sueing to his L^{spp} for the Surplusage of their Lands before any other psons who make it their business to prye thereunto, and are daily Suito^{rs} to his L^{spp} on that score.

Advised nemine contradicente that the same would be of greate moment & Satisfaction to the people, and that his L^{spp} please to issue out Proclam^a accordingly, takeing his measures (as to the Consideration for all Surplusage to be given) from the Quality of the land reduced to three heads, viz.) meane indifferent and good

Advised also and it is the Opinion of this board Confirmed by his L^{spp} that the words [more or less] in all Grants shall & doe extend to Tenn in the hundred over or under, & noe more.

Came Maj^r James Ringold of Kent County in his owne proper pson being Admitted and prayed the hearing of a certaine Order or Complaint of Maj^r Joseph Wicks, M^r Henry Hosier & M^r Michael Miller against him the s^d Ringold together with the answer or Defence of the said Ringold thereunto. Which was ordered to be read & heard And is as foll (viz.)

At the Court house at New Yarmouth in Kent County p. 2 Augt the Twenty Eighth in the Eighth yeare of the Dominion of the Rt honble Charles absolute Lord and Propry of the Provinces of Maryld and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. Annoq Dmi. 1683:

Wicks, Hosier & Miller agt Ringold Complt

Major Joseph Wicks, Mr Henry Hosier & Mr Michael Miller meeteing at the said Court house to serve his L^{spp} and Countrey, according to his L^{sps} Commission, they not being Qualified to keepe Court under the number of flour Commissionrs soe that wanting One to make a full Court it was ordered that