

exceptions to the same as he shall think fit & convenient, and the severall Allegations, testimonies & proofs on both sides being strictly heard and Examined, and the matter duly maturely & deliberately weighed and considered, you are to pass & give your Judgm<sup>t</sup> doom & determination therein according to Law & Justice & the best of your skill & vnderstanding, as also to tax all Cost & Charges thereon accruing hereby Empowering you to Adjourn the said Court from day to day or from time to time vntill the s<sup>d</sup> matter by you the said Commission<sup>rs</sup> shall be fully determined, And to the end a true & fair Record may be kept of your proceedings herein, We have thought fit to nominate & appoint, and We do hereby Nominate & appoint Henry Denton Gentl to be your Clerk or Register to Receive, take & Enter on his Journall the Summe & Substance of what shall be done & acted by you in the execution of the power & Authority hereby given & granted you, a fair Copy whereof attested vnder the hand & Seal of your said Clerk you are to transmitt Unto Vs in our high Court of Chancery with all convenient speed; Given vnder the Great Seal of our said Province the Ninth day of October in the Seaventh year of our Reign &c<sup>a</sup> Annoq Domini 1695 Witness our trusty & Well beloved ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> & Govern<sup>r</sup> in Chief in & over our said province & (Territory of Maryland.) ffr. Nicholson

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On the back of the above Commission was thus written, Viz<sup>t</sup>

William the third by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, ffrance & Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c<sup>a</sup> to Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Hill & Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Tasker Gentl Greeting These are to Authorize you or either of you to Administer vnto Coll David Brown & Coll John Addison or either of them the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy as also an Oath of Commission<sup>r</sup>, for this purpose to be framed And the s<sup>d</sup> Oaths being as afores<sup>d</sup> Administred & taken, you the said Coll David Brown & Coll John Addison or either of you are to Administer the s<sup>d</sup> aforementioned Oaths to the rest of the Commission<sup>rs</sup>: within named and to the Clerk for which this shall be your sufficient Warrant: Given vnder the Great Seal of our said Province this Ninth day of October in the Seaventh year of our Reign &c<sup>a</sup> Annoq Domini 1695 Witness our trusty & well beloved ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> & Govern<sup>r</sup> in Chief in & over our said Province & Territory of Maryland

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