At a Council held at the Town & Port of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County on Thursday July the 30th in the first year of her Majestys Reign &ca Annoq Dni 1702 Lib. X. p. 288

Present

The honble Thomas Tench Esqr President of her Majestys Council

the honble { Tho Brook Esqr, Colo Ino Hammond, Colo Edward Lloyd } Lieut Colo Wm Holland & James Sanders Esqr

His Honour the President acquaints the Board that his Excellency Govr Blakiston upon his departure advised him to call the Council before the last of this month and that his said Excellency had acquainted him that Mr John Carvile to whom he had sent the Sheriffs Commission for Cæcil County had returned it refusing to accept thereof wherefore in regard that that County Court was very near at hand on the second Tuesday in the next month & no Person qualified to Act as Sheriff he proposed whether it might Not be proper none having applied for that Office to send a Blank Commission to James Frisby Esqr to give to such person as he shall think fitting for that Office

And Ordered that such Commission be sent to the said James Frisby Esqr to be disposed of accordingly

Also Ordered that Commission of the peace issue for Cecil County appointing Mr William Harris Hans Hanson Mathias Vanderhayden & Edward Blay of the Quorum Ebenezer Blakiston John Stoope John Hynson Joseph Hopkins John Moll & Samuel Byard Justices of the peace & Ordered that the honble Sr Tho Lawrence Baronet her Majestys Secry & p. 289 the Clerk of the Council keep each of them a fair Book wherein to enter the names of all persons appointed & Commissionated to any office in this Province & the time when so that it may be Readily known who are the Officers civil & military within this Province

Ordered that the Sheriffs of the several Countys inquire & make speedy Return of all such Officers names & the dates of their Commissions

It being proposed that whereas the Government of this her Majestys Province is by his Excellencys Departure devolved upon the President & Council how the several Commissions to be issued under the Great Seal should bear Test