

Lib. M. produces his Excellencys Commission to him given for the same, on the back of which it appears that the said John Ross has taken before Robert Gordon Esq^r One of his Ldps Justices of the Provincial Court the several Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and Test, and the said John Ross taking before this Board the usual Oath for due Execution of the said Office is accordingly admitted, the Tenour of which Commission is as follows

Maryland ss

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c To Our trusty & welbeloved John Ross of the City of Annapolis in Our Province of Maryland Greeting Forasmuch as We do repose special Trust and Confidence in your Integrity Fidelity Skill & Cuning in Clerkship We have thought fit and do by these Presents give and grant unto You the said John Ross the Office of Clerk to Our Governor and Council of Maryland hereby appointing authorizing and empowering You to have hold exercise use and enjoy the s^d Office, & to take and receive to your own proper Use and Behoof as well the Salary usually allowed as also all and singular other the Rights Profits Perquisites and Advantages thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining in as ample manner as any of the Clerks to Our said Governor & Council have used To have hold exercise receive and enjoy the same for and during our Good Will and Pleasure Witness Our trusty and welbeloved Samuel Ogle Esq^r Our Governor & Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland this fourth Day of May in the Eighteenth Year of Our Dominion Annoq Domini 1732

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His Excellency lays before the board a Letter with the following Superscription

To Your Excellency the Governor living in Annapolis with Great Care These

January the 12, 1731/2

To your Excellency of Maryland and Esq^r Lloyd, and if it please You Sir I Captain Civility makes bold with these few Lines, for I am heartily sorry to hear as Maryland should deprive us of that Spot of Land as we have held hitherto for I certainly did hear as their Intention is to take it from Us if possible but I hear You intend to come and run Land out