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Great Trust and Confidence, that we have in your fidelities Circum-  
 spections Providences and wisdoms have Constituted Ordained &  
 appointed and by these presents do Constitute Ordain and appoint  
 you the Said Richard Woolman William Coursey Philemon Lloyd  
 Thomas South Seth ffoster, Thomas Hinson, Philip Stevenson James  
 Ringold William Hambleton Jonathan Sybrey Richard Gorsuch  
 Edward Roe and John Wells Gent Com<sup>rs</sup> Jolynty and Severally to  
 keep the peace in Talbot County in the Said Province and to keep &  
 Cause to be kept all Laws and Orders made for the Good & Conser-  
 vation of the peace and for the Quiett Rule and Governm.<sup>t</sup> of the  
 people in all and Every the Articles of the Same and to Chastise and  
 punish all persons offending against the form of any the Laws (fol. 545)  
 and Orders of this our Province or any of them in Talbot County  
 aforesaid as according to the form of the Said Laws and Ord.<sup>rs</sup>  
 Shall be fit to be done, We have also Constituted and Ordained you  
 & Every four or more of you (of which you the Said Richard  
 Woolman Will.<sup>m</sup> Coursey Philemon Lloyd and Thomas South un-  
 less one of o<sup>r</sup> Council be present are always to be one to be Comis-  
 sion.<sup>rs</sup> to Enquire by the Oaths of Good and Lawfull men of your  
 County aforesaid of all manner of ffelonies Witchcrafts Enchant-  
 ments Sorceries Magick Arts Trespasses fforestallings Ingrossings  
 and Extortions whatsoever and of all and Singular misdeeds and  
 offences of which Justices of the peace in England may or ought  
 Lawfully to Enquire by whomsoever or whensoever demand per-  
 petrated or w.<sup>ch</sup> hereafter Shall happen to be done and perpetrated  
 in the County af.<sup>d</sup> against the Laws and Orders of this our Province,  
 Provided that you proceed not in any of the Cases aforesaid to take  
 life or member But that in Every Such Case you Send the prisoners  
 with their Indictment and the whole matter depending before you to  
 the next Provinciall Court to be holden for this our Province when-  
 soever or wheresoever to be holden there to be tryed And further  
 we do hereby athorize you to issue writts process arrests & attach-  
 ments to hold plea of hear and Determine and according to the  
 Laws Orders & Reasonable Customs within this our Province after  
 Judgm.<sup>t</sup> Execution to award in all Causes Civill whether in actions  
 Reall or psonall where the thing in acōn doth not Exceed the value of  
 three thousand pounds of Tobacco in w.<sup>ch</sup> Causes Civil So to be  
 tryed We do Constitute Ordain and appoint you the Said Richard  
 Woolman William Coursey Philemon Lloyd and Thomas South to be p. 419  
 Judges as afores.<sup>d</sup> unless Some one of our Council be then in Court, (fol. 545)  
 and therefore We Comānd you that you diligently Intend the keep-  
 ing of the peace Laws and Orders and all and Singular other the  
 pmisses and at Certain days appointed according to Act of Assembly  
 in that Case Provided and Such places which you or any four or  
 more of you as aforesaid Shall in that behalf appoint you make  
 Enquiries upon the premisses and perform and fullfill the Same in