

Liber C D Berry Edward Keen John Tawney and Robert Tyler of our County of Calvert Gentlemen Greeting Know ye that we for the Great Trust and Confidence that we have in your fidelitys Circumspections Providences and Wisdoms have Constituted Ordained & appointed and by these presents do Constitute Ordain and appoint you the Said Thomas Brooke Charles Brooke, John Abbington Rich.<sup>d</sup> Perry George Beckwith George Peake, William Groom, Tobias Norton Peter Sharpe, William Berry, Edward Keene, Jo: Tawney and Robert Tyler Gentlemen Com.<sup>rs</sup> Joyntly and Severally to keep the peace in the Said County of Calvert our Said Province of maryland and to keep and Cause to be all Laws and & Orders made for the Good and Conservation of the peace and for y<sup>e</sup> quiet Rule and Government of the people in all and Every the Articles of the Same and to Chastise and punish all ꝑsons offend against the form of any the Laws & Orders of this our Province or any of them in Calvert County aforesaid as according to the form of the Said Laws and Orders Shall be fit to be done We have also Constituted & Ordained you & Every four or more of you (of you the Said Thomas Brooke Charles Brooke, John Abbington Rich.<sup>d</sup> Perry and George Beckwith (unless one of our Council be present) to To be Comiçon.<sup>rs</sup> to Enquire by the Oaths of Twelve Good and Lawfull men of your County aforesaid of all manner of ffelonys Witchcraft Enchantments Sorceries magick Arts Trespasses, fforestallings Ingrossing and Extortions Whatsoever and of all and Singu and offences of which Justices of the peace in England

Provided that you proceed not  
 (fol. 550) in any of the Cases aforesaid to take life or member but that in Every Such Case you Send the prisoners with their Indictm.<sup>t</sup> and the whole matter depending before you to the next Prov<sup>ll</sup> Court to be holden for this our Province whensoever or wheresoever holden there to be tryed, And further We do hereby Authorize you to issue Writts process arrests and attachm.<sup>ts</sup> to hold plea of hear & Determine and according to the Laws Orders and Reasonable Customs within this our Province after Judgm.<sup>t</sup> Execution to Award in all Causes Civil whether in Actions Reall or ꝑsonall where the thing in Action doth not Exceed the value of three thousand pounds of Tobacco in w.<sup>ch</sup> Causes Civil So to be tryed We do Constute Ordain and appoint you Thomas Brooke Charles Brooke John Abbington Richard Perry and George Beckwith to be Judges as aforesaid unless Some one of our Council be then in Court, And therefore We Command you that you diligently Intend the keeping of the peace Laws and Orders and all and Singular other the premisses 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 afores.<sup>d</sup>  
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 (fol. 550) Shall in that behalf appoint you make Enquiries upon the premisses &