

Liber CD presents do Constitute Ordain and appoint you the Said Henry Adams Thomas Mathews John Stone Zachary Wade, John Bould, Ignatius Courseene, Robert Henly, John Douglass, William Barton Jun.<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hussey & Stephen Mountegue Gentl Commission.<sup>rs</sup> Joyntly & Severally to keep the peace in Charles County in the Said province And to keep and Cause to be kept all Laws & orders made for the Good and Conservation of the peace, And for the Quiett Rule and Governm.<sup>t</sup> of the people and all & Every the Articles of the Same, And to Chastise and punish all persons offending against the form of any the Laws and orders of this our province or any of them in Charles Co.<sup>ty</sup> afores.<sup>d</sup> according to the form of y.<sup>e</sup> Said Laws & Orders as Shall be fitt to be done, We have also Constituted and ordained you & Every four or more of you of which you the Said Henry Adams Thomas Mathews, John Stone Zachary Wade & John Bould unless one of our Council be present are always to be one, To be Commiss.<sup>rs</sup> to Enquire by the Oaths of Good and Lawfull men of your County aforesaid of all manner of ffelonies Witchchafts & Enchan<sup>tm</sup>.<sup>ts</sup> Sorceries majick Arts, Trespasses, forestallings Ingrossings, Extortions whatsoever & of all & Singular misdeeds & offences of which Justices of the peace in England may or ought Lawfully to Enquire by whomsoev.<sup>r</sup> & whensoev.<sup>r</sup> done or perpetrated or which hereafter Shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the Co.<sup>ty</sup> af.<sup>d</sup> against the Laws & Orders of this o.<sup>r</sup> province Provided you proceed not in any the Cases af.<sup>d</sup> to take Life or member But that in Every Such Case you Send the prison.<sup>rs</sup> with their Indictm.<sup>ts</sup> & the whole matter depending before you to the next provinciall Court to be holden for this our province whensoever or wheresoever to be holden there to be tryed And further We do hereby Authorize you to issue Writts process Arrests & Attachm.<sup>ts</sup> to hold plea of hear & Determine and according to y.<sup>e</sup> Laws Orders and Reasonable Customs w.<sup>thin</sup> this our province after Judgm.<sup>t</sup> Execution to award in all Cases Civill whether in Actions Reall or psonall where y.<sup>e</sup> thing in a<sup>con</sup> doth not Exceed the value of three thousand pounds of Tob.<sup>o</sup> In w.<sup>ch</sup> Cases Civill So to be tryed We do Constitute Ordain &c appoint you the s.<sup>d</sup> Hen. Adams Thomas Mathews John Stone Zachary Wade & John Bould to be Judges as af.<sup>d</sup> unless Some one of o.<sup>r</sup> Council be there in Court, And therefore we Command you that you diligently intend the keeping of the peace Laws and orders and all & Singular other the premisses, And at Certain days and times appointed according to Act of Assembly in that Case Provided and at Such places w.<sup>ch</sup> you or any four or more of you as af.<sup>d</sup> Shall in that behalf appoint you make Enquiries upon the premisses & perform & fullfill the Same in form afores.<sup>d</sup> Doing therein what to Justice appertaineth, according to the Laws orders and Reasonable Customs of this our province Saving to us the Americiam.<sup>ts</sup> & other things thereof to us belonging, And therefore We Command the Sheriff of the s.<sup>d</sup> County by virtue of these

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