

Liber M M Baker Brooke Esq }
 ag^t }
 W^m Hemsley. }

p. 583 Charles James } Thomas Dale and Mary his wife late of Cecil
 ag^t } County were attached to answer unto Charles
 Thomas Dale & } James in a plea of trespas upon the case
 Mary his wife } And whereupon the Said Charles James by Rob-
 ert Ridgely his Attorney Saith that whereas the
 Said Charles is and alwayes hath been a true and faithfull man to
 the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} and as a true & faithfull man unto
 his Said Lo^{pp} without any Crime of falsety deceit extortion perjury
 or of any other hurtfull Crime from the time of his coming into
 this Province hitherto he hath Governed & behaved himselfe and of
 Such unblemished honestly & conversation hath been reputed & taken
 amongst all the Inhabitants of this Province unspotted of any wicked
 Crime falsity deceit extortion perjury or of any other hurtfull
 Crime whatsoever & So for the whole time aforesaid was reputed
 as also with the said Lord Prop^{ry} was So taken & adjudged & there-
 upon in divers weighty & difficult business of the Said Lord Prop^{ry}
 was used & imployed in & the said Lord Prop^{ry} refuseing especiall
 trust & confidence in the honestly faithfullnesse judgm^t & integrity
 of him the said Charles did by his Lo^{pps} Comission under the lesser
 Seale of this Province constitute & appoint the said Charles to be a
 Coroner of his Lo^{pps} County of Baltemore & the Hon^{bl} Baker
 Brooke Esq <sup>Survey^r Generall of the said Province well understand-
 ing the Creditt & repute the said Charles James lived in amongst his
 neighbours & other the good people of this Province and of Such his
 unblemished honesty & reputation & also of the trust & confidence of
 the said Lord Prop^{ry} had in the honesty faithfullnesse and integrity of
 the said Charles and therefore had appointed & constituted him to
 be Coroner of his said Lo^{pps} County of Baltemore & also further
 takeing notice with what integrity & faithfullnesse & honesty the said
 Charles executed the said Office the said Survey^r Generall by his
 Comission under his hand & seale at Armes bearing date the Sixth
 day of April in the 40th year of his Lo^{pps} Dominion &c Anno^q
 Do^m 1671 did comissionate authorize & impower the said Charles
 to be his sole Deputy in the said County for the laying Out of Lands
 in the said County and to doe & execute all & every matter & thing
 belonging to the Survey^r Generall in the said County in as full &
 ample manner as if he were personally present to doe & performe the
 same and for the true & due execution of the Said Office of Deputy
 Surveyour of the said County the said Charles was duly Sworne
 upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God & also gave bond to the
 said Surveyour Generall for Such his honest & faithfull executeing
 the said Office in the Summe of One hundred thousand pounds of</sup>