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Constitute the said Thomas an Attorney in the Repective Courts of Calvert & Ann Arrundell Countyes, and from thence hitherto he hath been & continued one of the Attorneys of the said Provinciaall Court Calvert County Court & Ann Arrund<sup>ll</sup> County Court, and at the time of his admission to the aforesaid Office in these and Courts aforesaid, did take his oath upon the holy Evangelists of God, That he would doe noe falsity nor Consent to any to be done in the said Courts, and if he Knew of any to be done he would give notice thereof to the Justices of the said Courts that it might be reformed, That he should delay noe man for Lucre or Malice, that he should Encrease noe fees but should be contented w<sup>th</sup> the ffees of an Attorney to bee limited and appointed by the said Courts, all such processe as hee should sue out of the Courts aforesaid should be sealed w<sup>th</sup> the seales thereof, he should not wittingly or willingly sue or Procure to be sued any false suite nor give ayd or Consent to the same, and further hee should use himself in the Office of an Attorney in the Court aforesaid according to his best skill and Knowledge, Whereas also the same Thomas by all the time aforesaid that he as aforesaid hath beene an Attorney of the Courts aforesaid well and according to the Rule of his said oath in all things did Gouverne & behave himself, and never did Move or urge men for Lucre of his owne pffit or gaines to goe to Law, but all manner of businesse in the Courts aforesaid & elsewhere for his Clients well honestly Dilligently and faithfully as their Attorney in the Courts aforesaid to his Power and Knowledge by all the time aforesaid without and negligence pravity falsity deceit or guile whatsoever he did Doe & dispatch by Meanes whereof the said Thomas a good Reputacōn in his said employment had obtained & a Plentifull and sufficient maintenance for himself and family had gained & gotten By reason whereof the said Thomas Bland was in good esteeme with the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> of this Province and his Lops Justices of the Provinciaall Court, and his Lops Justices of the County Courts of Calvert & Ann Arrundell Countyes, and with all other psons whatsoever, and had Comitted noe Crime whereby he ought to forfeit or loose his Employment aforesaid, Neverthelesse the aforesaid Richard Hill well Knowing the premisses, and Endeavo<sup>r</sup>ing not onely to hurt Detract deprave blemish and utterly destroy the good name fame state oppinion and estimacon of him the said Thomas but also to bring him the said Thomas into hatred scandall Reproach Evill oppinion infamy displeasure & Distrust amongst the good people of this Province and the Clients of the said Thomas whose Attorney the said Thomas was in the Courts aforesaid, and to Cause them all to take their businesse out of his hands, due to bring him into Discredit with the Justices of the seaverall Courts aforesaid, and to be the absolute Ruine & undoeing of the said Thomas & to spoyle him of his Livelyhood, The said Richard Hill the Tenth day of August in the fffth yeare of the Dominion of the