

[Locus Sigilli] MARYLAND ss. Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore etc. To William Cumming of the City of Annapolis Send Greeting Know ye that Whereas we do repose great trust and Confidence in your Cunning Skill and knowledge in the Art and Mistery [328] of Clerkship We have therefore thought fitt and by these presents Do Commissionate authorize and Appoint you the s^d William Cumming to be Clerk and keeper of the Records of the High Court of Appeals and Errors before our Gov^r and Council of this our Province And do hereby give and Grant unto you the s^d William Cumming all Such powers and authoritys to ask demand take and receive all and Singular Such lawfull and reasonable profits and perquisits As to the said office of Clerk belongeth or appertaineth in as full and ample manner as any former Clerk of the said Court hath or lawfully might Enjoy and excercise the Same Wittness our trusty and well beloved John Hart Esquire our Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over this our Province of Maryland this 14th day of Aprill in the fifth year of our Dominion Annoque Domini 1720

Jo Hart

And Thereupon the Honourable Co^l Thomas Addison administers to him the Severall oaths appointed to be taken by act of Assembly As also the following oath of Clerk for the due execution of his office as Clerk of this Court Viz^t. I William Cumming do Swear that I will well and truely execute the office of Clerk of the high Court of Appeals in all things that appertains to the Said office according to the best of my Skill and knowledge So help me God.

[BT] Thomas Bordley v [DD] John Gresham Appeale In Compliance with the order of last Court that the Complainant give Security in this Court in double the Sume Decreed in the Chancery Court that he shall well and [329] truely Comply with the Decree of this Court to be made in this Cause. The Complainants bond given in last Court as orderd to be lodged among the Court papers, And thereupon the Said Cause is continued till next Court; [TM] John Hyde v James Crooke Appeale, [DD] Charles Carroll Esq^r v [TB] Thomas Wells Appeale, These above two causes are continued till next Court.

Ordered the Assembly now Sitting that this Court be Adjourned till the first Tuesday in May

Test William Cumming Clk

At a Court of Appeals and Errors held before His Excellency the Gov^r and his Lordships Honrble Councill for hearing Appeals and Writts of Errors held in the Councill Chamber at the port of Annapolis on the fifth day of May Anno Dom Seventeen hundred and twenty.

Present: His Excy John Hart Esq^r Gov^r etc; The Hon^rble Co^l Sam^t Young; Co^l Tho^s Addison; Co^l Rich^d Tilghman and Thomas Bordley Esq^r, Members of His Lordships Hon^rble Councill