

Cecilius Abpisc Lord and Proprietarij of the Province of Maryland  
 and Baron Lord Baron of Baltimore cr, To William Stevens;  
 William Colborne; John White James Jones George Johnson John  
 Hindon; Charles Ballard; David Browne; Nicholas Rice; James  
 Dashiell; and Edward Smith gent: <sup>Know</sup> you that wee for the great  
 trust and confidence that wee have in your fidelities Circumstances  
 Providence and wisdoms have constituted ordeined and appointed  
 And by these Presents doe constitute ordeine and appointe you the  
 said William Stevens; William Colborne; John White; James Jones  
 George Johnson; John Hindon; Charles Ballard; David Browne;  
 Nicholas Rice James Dashiell and Edward Smith gent: Commission:  
 jointly and severally) to keepe the peace in Sommersett County in the  
 said Province; And to keepe and cause to be kept all Lawes and orders  
 made for the good and Conservation of the peace, And for the quiet  
 rule and Government of the People in all and every the Articles of  
 the same; And to chastise and punish all persons offending against  
 the forme of the said Lawes and orders shall be said to be done  
 these have also constituted and ordeined you and every of you or  
 more of you of which you the said William Stevens; W<sup>m</sup> Colborne;  
 John White; James Jones; George Johnson; and John Hindon; (unless  
 one of our Councell be present) are always to be one, to be constituted  
 to enquire by the Oathes of good and Lawfull men of our County  
 aforesaid; of all manner of the Honors writs grants and charters  
 Sorceries, Magicks Arts, Treasons; Horse stealing; Ingressing  
 extortions whatsoever done or perpetrated on what other matter  
 shall be