

At a County Court held y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno<sup>o</sup> Domini 1675 before his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Justice Vicecount assigned & authorized. /:

M<sup>r</sup> George Johnson:  
present { M<sup>r</sup> John Winder: M<sup>r</sup> James Inghild:  
M<sup>r</sup> David Browne: M<sup>r</sup> William Jones } *Commiss<sup>rs</sup>*

It is ordered that this Court to be held this Day being y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 1675 be adjourned & continued y<sup>e</sup> first Day of this present month of March & all process returnable this Day be returnable y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Day of this month of March: . . . . .

This Day to wit y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March Anno<sup>o</sup> Domini 1676 were published y<sup>e</sup> banns of matrimony betwene Joseph Taylor & Margrett Rollens both of this County also betwene John Richards & Grace Dixon both of this County also betwene Richard Davis & Elizabeth Berre both of this County also betwene Richard Chambers & Mary Jurey both of this County also betwene Richard Lawe & Anne Smith both of this County

This Day to wit y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Day of March A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>o</sup> 1676 was Comm<sup>rs</sup> being present but Call<sup>o</sup> Wm: Colebourne Sheriffe who appointed Monday y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March to meet: /:

This Day to wit y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Day of March in y<sup>e</sup> first year of y<sup>e</sup> Dominion of y<sup>e</sup> R: Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles: over Maryland Anno<sup>o</sup> Domini 1676: M<sup>r</sup> William Stevens administered y<sup>e</sup> oath of Comm<sup>rs</sup>: to M<sup>r</sup> James Jones & then M<sup>r</sup> James Jones administered y<sup>e</sup> same oath to M<sup>r</sup> Wm: Stevens: And then y<sup>e</sup> same oath was administered to M<sup>r</sup> Henry Boston and M<sup>r</sup> George Johnson

Charles absolute Lord & Prop<sup>ty</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Province of Maryland & Avalon & the Baltimore or: So: William: Stevens, James Jones: John Winder Henry Boston George Johnson & John White Gent<sup>l</sup> greetinge Knowe ye y<sup>e</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> great trust & confidence we have in yo<sup>r</sup> fidelities Circumspectious providences & wisdomes have constituted & appointed & doe by these presents constitute ordaine & appointe you y<sup>e</sup> said William Stevens James Jones John Winder Henry Boston George Johnson & John White Gent<sup>l</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> jointly & severally to keepe y<sup>e</sup> peace in Somersett County & to keepe & cause to be kept all Lawes & orders made for y<sup>e</sup> good & Conservation of y<sup>e</sup> peace & for y<sup>e</sup> quiet rule & Government of y<sup>e</sup> people in all and every y<sup>e</sup> articles of y<sup>e</sup> same & to chastise & punishe all persons offending against y<sup>e</sup> forme of any y<sup>e</sup> Lawes & orders of our said province or of any of them in Somersett County aforesaid or anoding to y<sup>e</sup> forme of those Lawes & orders shall be fitt to be done we have also constituted & ordained you & every four or more of you of which you y<sup>e</sup> said Wm: Stevens (unless some one of our Council be present) are also to be o<sup>r</sup> Comm<sup>rs</sup> to Enquire by y<sup>e</sup> oaths of good & lawfull men of yo<sup>r</sup> County aforesaid of all manner of felonies Wiltourts misdemeanours: Sorceries Magick artes & conjurations forswearinge Injurings & detractions whatsoever & of all & singular other misdemeanours & offences of which Justices of y<sup>e</sup> peace in England may or ought lawfully to Enquire by whomsoever or whensoever done or perpetrated or which hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in y<sup>e</sup> County aforesaid against y<sup>e</sup> Lawes & orders of our said province provided that you proceede not in any of y<sup>e</sup> cases aforesaid to take life or member but that in every such case you sende y<sup>e</sup> persons with their Indictment & y<sup>e</sup> whole matter depending before you to y<sup>e</sup> next provinciall Court to be holden of our said province whensoever or wheresoever to be holden there to be tried And further we doe hereby authorize you to issue with process arrests & attachments: to hold plea of Oyer & Terminer and after judgment & execution to award in all causes civil & criminal whether in actions real or personal where y<sup>e</sup> thinge in action doth not exceede y<sup>e</sup> value of three thousand pound of Tobacco anoding to y<sup>e</sup> Lawes orders & reasonable customes made & used in o<sup>r</sup> said province In which cases shall be to be tried we doe constitute ordaine & appointe you William Stevens to be Judge as aforesaid unless some one of o<sup>r</sup> Council be then in Court & therefore we Command you y<sup>e</sup> you diligently intend y<sup>e</sup> keeping of y<sup>e</sup> peace Lawes & orders & all & singular other y<sup>e</sup> promised and all certaine dayes appointed anoding to act of assembly in y<sup>e</sup> case provided & such places which you or any four or more of you as aforesaid shall in y<sup>e</sup> behalf appointe ye make Enquiries upon y<sup>e</sup> promised & performe & fulfill y<sup>e</sup> same in forme aforesaid doing therein that which to Justice appertaineth anoding to y<sup>e</sup> Lawes orders & reasonable customes of our said province saving to us y<sup>e</sup> amendments & other things thereof to us belonging And therefore we Command y<sup>e</sup> Sheriffe of y<sup>e</sup> said County of Somersett by vertue of these presents that y<sup>e</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> dayes & places aforesaid which you or any such four or more of yo<sup>r</sup> as aforesaid shall make knowne to him to give his attendance on you and if need require to cause to come before you or any such four or more of you as aforesaid such & so many good & lawfull men of yo<sup>r</sup> County by whom y<sup>e</sup> thinge in y<sup>e</sup> promised may be better & more fully Enquired of And further you shall cause to be brought before you all y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> dayes & places the with precepts process & Indictments to yo<sup>r</sup> Court & Jurisdiction belonging that y<sup>e</sup> same may be inspected & by a due course determined as aforesaid Given at o<sup>r</sup> City of S<sup>t</sup>: Maries under y<sup>e</sup> great Seal of o<sup>r</sup> Province of Maryland y<sup>e</sup> second Day of March in y<sup>e</sup> first year of o<sup>r</sup> Dominion over o<sup>r</sup> said province of Maryland y<sup>e</sup> second Day of March in y<sup>e</sup> first year of o<sup>r</sup> Dominion over o<sup>r</sup> said province of Maryland