

my Sub. Sheriff to Summon the Co. to Justice or and so advise which hath done upon his alder  
magnificence & I may God saying Amen be Capable to officiate in & before y<sup>e</sup> time we  
may receive certain information but if this unfortunatly in Gods hande fall yo<sup>r</sup> Nicholas which  
can in no wise p<sup>r</sup>judice yo<sup>r</sup> servant  
W<sup>m</sup> Whittington

Subscription of the aforesaid Letter: viz.  
To his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Justices of the Peace of  
Somerset County to be left with m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Whittington

Maryland Somerset County ss: At a meeting of their Majesties Justices  
of the Peace, at the house of m<sup>r</sup> Andrew Whittington the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November  
in the first year of the reign of William and Mary King and Queen of England  
France and Ireland &c. Annoq<sup>ue</sup> Domini 1689. The names of the Justices of the  
Peace then sworn are as followeth. Co<sup>l</sup> William: Corbourn. Cap<sup>t</sup> David: Brown  
m<sup>r</sup> Francis: Jenkins. Cap<sup>t</sup> John: Windsor. Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert: King. M<sup>r</sup> James: Dashieler. M<sup>r</sup>  
James: Bonds. M<sup>r</sup> Samuel: Hopkins. M<sup>r</sup> Edmund: Howard. M<sup>r</sup> Stephen: Liff. M<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas: Jones. M<sup>r</sup> Roger: Woodford not sworn, but traded a time of  
consideration. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas: Robold did not appear.

The Oath sworn as followeth.  
You doo swear as Commissioners for this County of Somerset and Province of Maryland  
to doo equal right to the poor as to the rich to the best of your tuning with and  
power according to the laws of England and Acts of Assembly you shall not  
obvare or hinder the prosecution of Justice to take any gift bribe or fee to  
the intent of delaying of Judgment but shall behave your selfe justly and  
truly to the best of your understanding so long as you shall persist in this  
office and until you shall be by lawfull authority discharged therefrom  
So help you God.

And whereas m<sup>r</sup> William: Whittington having been delinquent in officiating his  
office of high sherriffe of this County; therefore the abovesaid Justices have  
appointed m<sup>r</sup> William: Brewton high sherriffe in his stead and place.

The oath of m<sup>r</sup> William: Brewton as followeth.  
You shall swear as high sherriffe of this County of Somerset to execute all process  
directed to you truly and justly, you shall not exact fees, nor shall you obvare or  
hinder Justice so long as you shall continue in your office. so help you God.  
Roger Birbom, as Subsherriffe to y<sup>e</sup> said Brewton, took y<sup>e</sup> same oath as above

Edm Beauchamp Clerk of this County the same day presents to their Majesties Justices  
of the Peace m<sup>r</sup> John West for his Deputie and assistant w<sup>ch</sup> is approved of by the  
said Beauchamp inageth afore the abovesaid Justices that for and in consideration  
the said West officiating & assisting is to have the one halfe of the fees they shall  
gett during the time that Edmund Beauchamp aforesaid shall remaine Clerk  
of this County aforesaid

The same day was present Co<sup>l</sup> William: Corbourn m<sup>r</sup> Francis: Jenkins. Cap<sup>t</sup>  
John: Windsor. M<sup>r</sup> James: Dashieler. M<sup>r</sup> James: Bonds. M<sup>r</sup> Edmund: Howard. M<sup>r</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> Thomas: Jones. M<sup>r</sup> Samuel: Hopkins. Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert: King. Whereas Edmund  
Beauchamp Clerk of this County of Somerset supplicated to his Ma<sup>ties</sup> Justices of  
the Peace for the Records and Manuscripts now in the possession of Cap<sup>t</sup> David  
Brown which by an order bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 1689 it was ordered  
to be delivered to Cap<sup>t</sup> David Brown. M<sup>r</sup> William: Brewton. M<sup>r</sup> Roger: Woodford  
and Stephen Liff. and to remain in the custody and at the house of Cap<sup>t</sup> David  
Brown until further order. It is therefore ordered by the Justices aforesaid  
that Cap<sup>t</sup> David Brown deliver the County Records and Manuscripts to  
m<sup>r</sup> William: Brewton Clerk of this County.

Cal. Oath

Sherriffe dille

Mary  
Brewton