

James Howard. in Thomas. Jacob. in John. King and in Stephen
of Somerset County put. Know ye that for the great trust & confidence we
in inspection, prudence & wisdom, we have constituted & appointed
persons constituted & appointed, you the said James. Jacob. John. King
Roger. Woolford. Wm. Whittington. Tho. Norwold. James. Round. Samuel. Stephen. Edward
Tho. Jacob. John. King & Stephen. Forsey and others: They Comys. Joyntly & se-
verally in Somerset County, & to keep & cause to be kept all Laws & Orders for the
peace & quiet rule & government of the people in all & every the shires
and to chastise & punish all persons offending against the forms of any the Laws & Orders of our
of Maryland or of any of them in Somerset County aforesaid, according to the form & Orders of
Laws & Orders shall be fitt to be done. We have also constituted & ordained you and every four
more of y^e, of which y^e the said J^r. James. J^r. Whider. J^r. Daniel. Roger. Woolford & Wm.
Whittington or one of y^e are always to be one of the said y^e to enquire by the oath of good & lawfull
men of y^e County aforesaid of all manner of felonies & misdemeanors. Forcible Murther &
Treasons & felonies, Injuries & Rebellions whatsoever, & of all & singular offences
offences (excepting matters relating to titles of Land) of which Justices of y^e peace in England
may or ought lawfully to enquire by whomsoever or wheresoever done or perpetrated or which
hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the County aforesaid, against the Laws & Orders of our said
Brethren, Brethren that y^e proceed not in any of the said cases aforesaid to take away life or members but
that in such cases you send the prisoner with their indictment with the whole matter & proceedings
before y^e to the next Brethrenial Court to be holden for our said Brethren, wherefore or wherefore
the same shall happen to be holden there to be tryed. And further we do authorize y^e to issue by
your out Writs, precepts, process, arrests & attachments & to take plea of Cy. & Return
after judgment. Execution to be done in all causes Civil real personall or mixed according to y^e Laws
Orders & reasonable Customs made & used in our said Brethren of Maryland, in which causes
Civil to be tryed (excepting as before excepted) We do constitute & appoint you the
said J^r. James. J^r. Whider. J^r. Daniel. Roger. Woolford & Wm. Whittington to be Justices
as aforesaid. And before W^e Comand y^e the said of the said Comd. Names that y^e diligently attend
keeping of the said Laws & Orders, and all & singular other the promises, and at a Bre-
threnial appointed by Act of Assembly, and in such places where y^e or any four or more of y^e as aforesaid
shall in that behalf appoint y^e make enquiry upon the promises & perform & fulfill
in form & doing therein that is the right & Justice appertaining according to the Laws
& reasonable Customs of our said Brethren, saving to us the said Comd. & other things there
concerning. And before we Comand y^e the said of the said of lower shires by virtue
of this, that at the day & place aforesaid y^e or any four or more of y^e as aforesaid