

County of Somerset Gentlemen Commissioners and execute the same Commission according to Act of Assembly in such case provided &c

To the Worshipfull the Justices of Somerset County Mathias Carter Humbly Sheweth that the Right of his Intermariage with Abigail Carter Late Abigail Benson is proposed of two tracts of Land the One called Second Chaine and the other called Good Land the boundaries whereof are Precarious and very much decayed and the Evidence who are able to prove the same are dead and inform your petition therefore humbly prays your Worship to Grant him a Commission and Appoint Commissioners in Order to examine Evidence to perpetuate the bound. of the said tracts of Land or of any other Lands on which they may depend and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will pray

Whereupon came hereunto Court the said Petitioner in his proper Person and thereupon the Petition being Read and heard and fully understood it is Considered by the Court here that a Commission for the said Mathias Carter as by the Petition is provided and that Luther Dashiell, Thomas Dashiell, John Adams and Benjamin Coleman of Somerset County Gentlemen Commissioners and execute the same Commission according to Act of Assembly in such case provided &c

This Dishes Commission of the peace being Read here Court was Openly Read as follows
Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Captain of Baltimore &c To Benjamin Tasker, Charles Hammond, Samuel Chamberlain, Phillip Thomas, David Ridout and Charles Goldborough Esqrs. James Whately, Joseph Gillis, Ephraim Wilcox, Samuel Adams, William Winder, Ephraim King, George Gale Esq. Thomas Jones, John Dennis Esq. and Thomas Fullbrook of Somerset County Gentlemen Greeting knowe that we have assigned you and every of you Equally and severally our Justices to keep our peace within our County of Somerset and to do Equal Law and Right to all the Kings Subjects Rich and Poor according to the Laws Customs and Directions of the Acts of Assembly of this province as far forth as they provide and when they are silent according to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England as used and practiced within this Province for the Conservation of the peace and Quiet Rule and Government of the Kings Subjects within our said County and to Hear and Determine all such person or persons offending against the said Acts Laws Statutes and Customs or any of them according to the directions thereof to call before you or any of you all those who in our County of P. shall threaten to do any evil or harm to any of the Kings Subjects or to burn their houses or otherwise break our peace and Misbehave themselves to find sufficient Security of the peace and good behaviour to us and the said Subjects and if they shall Refuse to find such Security that then you cause them to be committed into safe Custody until they shall be delivered by due course of Law from thence Also we have assigned you and every of you of whom we will you the said Benjamin Tasker, Charles Hammond, Samuel Chamberlain Phillip Thomas, David Ridout, Charles Goldborough, James Whately, Joseph Gillis, Ephraim Wilcox and Samuel Adams or one of you always to have our Justices to Enquire by the Oaths of God and Lawfull men of our County of P. by whom the truth of the Commission may be the better known of all and all Manner of felonies Robs, Treasons Murders Rape upon White women Willfull Killing of any Dwellinghouse or Out house Contiguous to and used with any Dwelling house or any other Out house wherein there shall be any person or any Goods or Merchandises taken stolen or refused and all other Capital Offences done or perpetrated by any Negro or other Slave and likewise all Counting and Conspiring of Negroes and other Slaves to Rebel or Raise any Insurrection or to Murder or Poison any Person or to Poison any White Woman or to Abduct or Burn any Dwellinghouse