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By the Letters of the Queen of Great Brittain
Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen Defenders
of y^e faith & so our Hans Hanson m^r Daniell
Norris m^r Elias King m^r Wm Frisby m^r Edward
Swoatnam m^r Edward Blay m^r John Copidge
m^r Samuell Wheeler sent greeting know you
that for y^e great trust & confidence we have in
y^e fidelity circumspection prudence & wisdom
have ordained constituted & appointed & by these
presentes we ordaine constitute & appoint you y^e J^{es}
m^r Hans Hanson m^r Daniell Norris m^r Elias
King m^r Wm Frisby m^r Edward Swoatnam
m^r Edward Blay m^r John Copidge m^r Samuell
Wheeler Commissioners jointly & severally to keep
the peace in Kent County & to keep & cause to be
kept all laws & orders for y^e good & conservation
of y^e peace & for y^e quiet rule & government of y^e
people in all & every articles of y^e same and to
chaatise & punish all persons offending against any
of y^e laws & orders of this our Province of Maryland
or any of them in Kent County according
to those laws & orders shall be fitt to be done & we
have also constituted & ordained you & every four
or more of you of which y^e J^{es} Hans Hanson
Daniell Norris Elias King & Wm Frisby or one of
you alwayes to be one) Commissioners to enquire of
the oaths of god & lawfull men of y^e County aforesaid
of all manner of felonie witchcrafts incantments
sorceries magick art troppes forswearinge forswearinge
& exortions whatsoever & of all & singular other
misdemeanors & offences (Excepting matters Relatinge to
titles of Land) of which Justice of y^e peace in Kent County
may or might ^{lawfully} be enquired by whomsoever or which
done or perpetrated or which hereafter shall be done
or perpetrated in ~~the~~ the County aforesaid in this our
Province of Maryland provided that y^e proceedings