

At a court held for Kent County at the Stanton  
of Simon Wilmer in said County y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> day of August  
in the eighth year of the reign of King William. A.D.  
Anno Domini 1696

In Person: William Fries May: Thomas Smith  
Capt: John Hynson Capt: Thomas Ringgold Surveyor

The Court being set forth Edward Broadnam &  
high Sheriff of this County proffers to this Court a  
New Commission which is as follows

William the Third by the grace of God of England Scotland  
France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c: to William  
Fries by John Hynson Hanot Hynson Thomas Smith James &  
Smith John Hawkins John Thrington and Phillip Hopkins  
of Kent County Gvnd: Greeting Knowne that for the great  
trust and confidence we have in your fidelities for our common  
prudencie and wisdom we have constituted ordained and appointed  
and by these presentes do constitute ordaine & appoint you  
the said William Fries by John Hynson Hanot Hynson Thomas  
Smith James Smith John Hawkins John Thrington and  
Phillip Hopkins Comr<sup>t</sup> County and Subsidy to keepe  
the Peace in Kent County and to keepe and reue to be kept  
all Lawes and orders for the good and behaviour of the peace &  
for the quiet rule and government of the people in all and every place  
the borders of the same and to chasse and punish all persons offende-  
ring against the forms of any the Lawes and Ordinances of this our  
Province or any of them in Kent County aforesaid, as according  
to the forms of those Lawes and orders, shall be fit to be done &  
have constituted and ordained You and every other or more of  
you of which you the said William Fries by John Hynson Hanot  
Hynson and Thomas Smith or one of you are affrayed to be out  
of this Countre to enquire by either of good and lawfull of  
you