

William & Mary by the Grace of God King & Queen of
 England Scotland France & Ireland Defenders of the Faith &c
 To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know
 yee that We of our speciall grace certain knowledge and moor
 motion have given and granted and by these presents We give
 and grant unto our Trusty and Wellbelov'd Sir Thomas Lawrence
 Barronet the office or place of Secretary of the Province of
 Maryland in America the Government whereof Wee have taken
 into our hands and under our immediate care And him the said
 Sir Thomas Lawrence Secretary of the Province of Maryland in
 America Wee doe make ordaine and constitute by these presents
 To have hold Exercise and enjoy the said office or place unto the
 said Sir Thomas Lawrence by himselfe or his sufficient Deputy
 During our pleasure and the Residence of the said Sir Thomas
 Lawrence in the said Province Together with all Rights priviledges
 profits perquisites and advantages to the said office belonging
 incident or in any wise appertaining And in such Manner and
 forme as any Secretary of any of our Provinces in America for or by
 reason of the Exercise and Execution of such office or place may
 lawfully have received or enjoy In Witness whereof Wee have caused
 these our letters to be made Patents Witness our Solos at Westminster
 the fifth day of September in the third yeare of our Reigne

Recorded 24th Septemb 1692.

By writt of Privy Seale

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At the Court at Whitehall the 21th of Decemb^r 1691
Present

The Kings most Excellent Maj^{ty} in Council

Whereas the Rt Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee of Trade and
 Plantations have by their Report dated the 15th instant Represented
 that upon a memoriall of Sir Thomas Lawrence Secretary
 of Maryland Their L^{ty}s. humbly comind that the Nominating
 and appointing of Clerks for the Ten County Courts in that Province
 does properly belong to their Maj^{ty}s Secretary and those Places
 ought not to be sold But that in consideration that the Secretary
 is to give security for their good Behaviour, it may be fit that
 the Secretary be allowed to receive yearly a Fee or Gratuity of the
 Tenth part of one yeares Value, and not more of each Place
 from such Clerks as shall be Nominated by him the said Value to
 be Estimated by the Govern^r and Council upon a Vacancy His
 Maj^{ty}s in Council is thereupon this day pleased to order as it is
 hereby ordered That the said Places, of the Clerks of the Ten County
 Courts in Maryland be not sold, but that the Nominating & appoint
 ment of the said Clerks is belonging to the office of their Maj^{ty}s
 Secretary The said Sr Thomas Lawrence and such as shall succeed him
 in that office, be permitted to receive from each of the Clerks

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