

259 both by said Peter Massey and by said Sarah Acknowledged  
by said by Misses to be by Right of & within named Richard  
That for his heirs and Assignes forever being Acknowledged  
before us the Subscribers Two of her Maj<sup>ty</sup> Justices of Cecil County  
in the province of Maryland —  
Recorded July 26. 1714 / Tho: Greiby Ju-ward

**W**hereas by the grace of God of Great Brittain France  
and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith &c To our trusty and wellbelov'd  
John Hart Esq. Greeting Know Yell that we reposing specciall  
trust and Confidence in the prudence Courage and Loyalty of you  
the said John Hart of our specciall grace certain knowledge  
and meer motion, have thought fitt to constitute and appoint  
and by these presents, do constitute and appoint you the said John  
Hart to be our Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall and Governour in Chief in and  
over our province and territories of Maryland in America, —  
And we do hereby require and command you to do and execute  
all things in due manner that shall belong unto your said command  
and the trust we have reposed in you according to the severall  
powers and directions granted or appointed you by this Present  
Commission, and the Instructions and authorities herewith given  
you, or by such further powers Instructions and authorities  
as shall at any time hereafter be granted or appointed you  
under our Signet and Signe Manual or by our order in our  
privy Council, and according to such reasonable Laws and  
Statutes as are now in force or hereafter shall be made and  
agreed upon by you with the advice and Consent of our  
Council and the assembly of our said province under your  
Government in such manner and forme as is hereafter  
Expressed And our will and pleasure is that you the said  
John Hart after the publication of these our Letters patents  
do in the first place take the oaths appointed by act of  
Parliament to be taken instead of the oaths of Allegiance and  
Supremacy