

37) Took the Oath after he was discharged from the office of the Sheriff And James Smith who was granted leave to defer his swearing till June All which was granted him

Wm Hawkins produceth his Commission for High Sheriff of this County of Kent which is read as follows: viz
William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come greeting Know yee that we respecting especially Trust and Confidence in the honesty fidelity Circumspection and prudence of John Hawkins Junr. of our County of Kent in our Province of Maryland Gentleman HAVE constituted ordained and appointed by these presents constituted ordained and appointed the said John Hawkins Junr. to be Sheriff of our said County of Kent to have and enjoy all such Lawfull privileges and benefits as any other Sheriff within our said Province now hath or ever Lawfully had to have And to hold the said office of Sheriff unto you the said John Hawkins during our pleasure You the said John Hawkins having first taken the oaths appointed by Act of Parliament, as also the oath of the King and Queen bond for the due Execution of your office according to Law And We further Order that the oedimus potest and posse commitat to you directed and continued in full force and virtue during the continuance of this our Commission Witness our Trusty and well beloved Nathaniel Blakiston Esq. Capt. General Gov. in Chief in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland the fourth day of February in the 13th year of our Reign &c. Annoq. Dom. 1702

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William the third by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To the Gentlemen, freemen and other persons of our County of Kent greeting Whereas we have committed to our Trusty and well beloved John Hawkins of our said County, our said County with the Appurtenances to be by him kept during our pleasure we do hereby command you and every of you that you be aiding and assisting to the said John Hawkins as High Sheriff of our said County in all things of to the office of High Sheriff of our said County doth appertaine Given at our Court of Annapolis under the great Seals of our said Province the fourth day of february in y^e 13th year of our Reign &c. Annoq. Dom. 1702

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