

Somerset sh. All about of the Right honorable Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore & hold at Dividing Creek in Somerset County. by his Lordships Commissioners and Justice, of the Peace the fifteenth day of March being the third Tuesday of the same month and in the tenth Year of his Lordships Dominion & and

1725 Present
 The Worshipfull - { Mr. Samuel Hopkins - } His Lordships
 Francis Allen Shad. { Maj. William Clanner - } W. John Caldwell }
 { Capt. John Jones - } Mr. J. M. Mester. } Justices
 { Capt. William Fassitt - } Capt. J. W. Scott. } Thomas Hayward Esq.

The above Court hold by virtue of the following Commission & -
 Maryland sh. Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore & To Samuel Hopkins William Clanner, John Jones, William Fassitt, Jno. Smith of Baltimore hundred William Stoughton John Caldwell, Jno. Mester - Jno. Handy, James Dashicles, Jno. Scott, and Robert King of Somerset County Gents. Greeting
 Know ye that we have assigned you and Every of you Joyntly and Severally Our Justices to Keep Our Peace within Our County of Somerset and to make and Cause to be kept all Ordinances and Statutes as well of that Part of the Kingdom of great Brittain Called England as of this Our Province of Maryland, for the good and Conservation of the Peace and Quiet Rule and Government of Our People within Our County in all and Every the Articles therein Expressed according to the form force and Effect of the Same and to punish and Punish all or any person or persons Offending against any the Ordinances or Statutes according to the Directions thereof, and to call before you or any of you all those who in Our County shd. Shall threaten to doe any bodily harm to any of Our good people or to burn their houses or otherwise to break Our Peace and mi. behave themselves, to find Sufficient Security of the peace and good behaviour to us and Our good People and if they Shall refuse to find Such Security that then you Cause them to be committed into Safe Custody till they Shall find the Same, Also we have assigned you and Every three or more of you of whom we Write you the Said Samuel Hopkins William Clanner John Jones, William Fassitt and John Smith, or One of you, always to be Our Justices to Enquire by the Oath of good and Lawfull men of Our County and by whom the truth of the Crimes may be the better known of all and all manner of felonies, Wilful Crafts, Enchantment, Sorceries, art. Magic, Traitors, Expressings, Regrattings, fore Statutes, and Exortions whatsoever and of all and Other Misfeasances and Offences whatsoever of which Justice of Our Peace lawfully may or Ought to Enquire by whomsoever or howsoever in Our County shd. Done or Committed or which may hereafter happen to be Done or attempted and also of all those who in Our County shd. in Riotous manner have gone or Proceed or Shall hereafter presume to goe or ride with armed force against Our Peace to the disturbance of Our People and of all such who in Our County shd. have done or Shall hereafter presume to doe in wait to man or Kill any of Our Said People and also of all Ordinary Keepers and such Other persons who have Offended or attempted