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That Reasonable Customs of England, as used and Practised within this Province, for the Conservation of the Peace and Quiet Rule of Government of the King's Subjects within our said County, and to Chastise and Punish all or any Person or Persons offending against the said Acts, Laws, Statutes, and Customs, or any of them, according to the Directions thereof, and to call before you, or any of you, all those who in our County aforesaid shall threaten to do any bodily Harm to any of the King's Subjects, or to burn their Houses, or otherwise break our Peace and misbehave themselves to find sufficient Security of the Peace and good Behaviour to us and the King's Subjects, and if they shall Refuse to find such Security, that then you Cause them to be committed into safe Custody until they shall be relieved by due Course of Law from thence, Also we have assigned you, and every three or more of you, for whom we will give the said Benjamin Jackson, Esq. Peter Edmund Jennings, Charles Hammond, Samuel Chamberlain, Philip Thomas, Daniel Dulany, Edward Lloyd, Benjamin Young, Esq. Sakerport and Richard Lee Esq. Robert Hanson, Gustavus Traux, Thomas Stone, Allen Davies, Samuel Hanson, William Mead Esq. & William Billduk or one of you, always to be one of our Justices to Enquire by the Oaths of good and lawfull men of our County aforesaid, by whom the truth of the Crimes may be better known, of all and all manner of Felonies, Petty Treasons, Murders, Rape upon White Women, unlawful Burning of any Dwelling House, or out House contiguous to and used with any Dwelling House, or any other out House wherein there shall be any Person, or any Goods, or Merchandises, Tobacco, Indian Corn, or Soder, and all the Capital Offences, done or perpetrated by any Negroe or other Slave, and likewise Consulting, Advising and Conspiring of Negroes and other Slaves, to Rebel or raise any Insurrection, or to murder, or Poison any Person, or to Persecute any white woman, or to attempt to burn any Dwelling House or out House contiguous to, or used therewith, and of all Treasons, Incest, Rape, Bigamy, Fornicating & fornicating and Detraction whatsoever, and of all other Misdemeanors and offences whatsoever, of which Justices of our Peace lawfully may or ought to Enquire, by whomsoever or howsoever, in our County aforesaid, done or committed, or which may hereafter happen to be done or committed, & also of all those who in our County aforesaid in riotous manner have gone or do, or shall hereafter presume to go or do, with armed force against our Peace, to the disturbance of the King's Subjects, and also of all ordinary Keepers & other Persons who have offended, or hereafter shall presume to offend, in the abuse of Weights and Measures against the Acts of a Assembly, for the Common

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