

An Instrument declaring Samuel Silghman

Cecilus absolute Lord and Proprietary of the ^{Province} of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore ^{and} his our right trusty and well
beloued Josias Kendall Esq^r our Lieutenant of our Said Province of Maryland
and to the rest of our Councill and other our officers and people there whom
these presents may concerne Greeting Know yee that we doe hereby ^{by}
authorize and appoint our trusty and well beloued Samuel Silghman of
London Marriner to be our Admirall of our Said Province of Maryland
under us and our Lieutenant of our Said Province for the time being
will and require that he shall use and enjoy the powers dignities
Priviledges benefits and Immunities of right due and belonging to him
as Admirall of our Said Province under us and our Lieutenant there for
the time being All which powers benefits and Priviledges aforesaid Wee
doe hereby declare shall be enjoyed by the said Samuel Silghman
wee ^{or} our heires shall signify vnder our hands and Seales our or their
pleasure to the contrary Given under our hand and greater Seale at
Arms the 15 day of July in the 27th yeare of our Dominion over the
Said Province of Maryland and in the yeare of our Lord God 1658

C. Baltimore Commission to the Judge Testamentary to use a
Coercive power

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore To our two houses of Assembly
To our Chanceller of our Said Province of Maryland and to our Justices of
our Prouinciall Court and all other our officers within our Said Province of
Maryland Greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Know yee that taking
into ^{our} consideration that one of the most important affaires of this our
Province is the establishing the Succession of Lands, goods, and Chattells from
the dead to the living which by the Common practice of all people hitherto
deceasing in this Province hath bene settled by last wills and Testaments
and soe come to be transacted before our Judge for probate of wills and
granting Administrations (though many times the wills and Testaments
have concerned lands onely) And further considering that the Distributors
of Justice in the relief of orphans Legatees and recovery of filiall parts
lyeth before the said Judge but for want of a Coercive power in the
said Judge to enforce obedience to and performance of the Rules orders
and Definitive sentences of the said Judge Justice hath been retarded
Sutors delayed and Delinquents encouraged to persist in their
mazy and Contempt Wee willing to promote Justice according to the
Court