

given by our Charter to erect what Courts and with what powers  
we shall think fitt for the better and more speedy distribution of  
Justice to all persons within this our Province. Doe hereby grant  
to our Judge or Comissary Generall for the time being and to all future  
Judges of our Court for Probate of wills and granting Administrations  
to be by us or our heirs and Successors lawfully hereafter consti-  
tuted and appointed that in case any person or persons sutors  
before him shall disobey breake or contemne any orders Decrees  
or finall Sentences of our said Judge being duly obtained and  
made by our said Judge in our said Court it shall and may be  
lawfull for our said Judge to issue out such proceffe of contempt  
as is now used in our Court of Chancery of this Province and at  
last to Imprison as Justice and the Law shall require any former  
law usage or practice to the contrary hereof in any wise. Notwith-  
standing Given at our City of St. Maries under the great seal  
of our said Province of Maryland the sixth day of September  
in the sixth yeare of our Dominion Annoq' Domini one  
thousand six hundred eighty and one. Witness our selfe

Baltimore Comission for the Judge in Testamentary causes

**Cælius** absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of  
Maryland and Avalon Lord Baltimore to our dearly beloved  
brother Phillip Chief Justice our Chancellor of our said Province  
of Maryland Greeting Whereas for the due Administration of  
Justice it is most Necessary that there be a Succession from the  
dead to the living and that the wills of all persons dying who  
in their life time doe make wills may be duly proved and  
letters of Administration of all persons dying without wills  
may be granted to such persons who have the best right to  
succeed thereunto that there may (in that case) be noe failure of  
Justice but that it may be duly Administred to all people  
within the said Province of Maryland Know therefore that  
we trusting in the Ability Care and Integrity of you our said  
Brother, have constituted and ordeyned and by this our  
Comission doe constitute and appoint you our said Brother  
to be our Judge or Comissary Generall for Probate of Wills  
and granting of Administrations within the whole province  
of Maryland aforesaid and the Islands therunto belonging  
and for all manner of Causes relating to the Probate of  
wills