Eighteen Hundred and Seventeen.

By the Governor

Luman Pinkney } C. Riggely of Hampton
Clerk of the Council } The Prosecutor for Caroline County

The State of Maryland to the Honorable John Buchanan Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District and Abraham Shriver and Thomas Buchanan Esquires associate Judges of the same Seating. Whereas it has been represented to me that Several persons are now confined in the Jail of Washington County charged with Felony who cannot be tried untill the ensuing court without a Special Commission for that purpose. Now Know ye that I have appointed and commissioned and by these presents do appoint and commission you the said John Buchanan. Abraham Shriver and Thomas Buchanan Esquires jointly or any one or more of you to hear and determine all crimes offences or misdemeanors and to deliver the Jaile of said County of Washington from all persons therein confined for any crime offence or misdemeanor and I do Command you that on Monday the thirteenth day of October eighteen hundred and Seventeen you or any one or more of you attend at Hagers town in the said County of Washington to deliver the said Jaile as well of the persons aforesaid as of any others that may be confined therein doing what to Justice may appertain according to the laws of the State adjourning the same from day to day as may be Judged necessary