

~~with their~~ ~~Soles~~ and for your ~~Proceedings~~ ~~herein~~ shall be your
Warrant given under my Hand and Seal at ~~Orms~~ the first day of
October in the two and fortieth year of the Dominion of his said
Lordship over this Province of Maryland And in the Year of Our Lord
God One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy and Three

Charles Culbert Esq: Lieutenant General and Chief Governor of
the Province of Maryland To James Meason of the County of Somerset
in the said Province Gent. Greeting. Whereas the Right Honourable
Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^d hath by his Commission
under his Hand and Greater Seal at Orms Deputed and Appointed me
his Lieutenant ^{General} and Chief Governor of this said Province and given me
full Power and Absolute Authority upon any Emergent Occasion to
Constitute and Appoint any Officer Civil or Military within this prov^d
as to me should seem Expedient, and for that his said Lordship hath
by his Instructions of the 2^d of March 1669 required my self and
Council to Use our Utmost Endeavour for the Seating and Inhabiting
of the Sea board Side on the Eastern Shore and on Delaware Bay
within the fortieth Degree of Northerly Latitude and particularly the
Whore Head and for that Jerome White Esq: Surveyor General of this
Province is at present Absent from the Province and although the
said Surveyor hath taken Care to depute Thomas Stockell of the County
of Ann Arundell Gent: Deputy Surveyor General to Act in his Absence
with as full power and Authority as if he were personally present
yet Considering the Remoteness of the said Deputy Surveyor Generals
Habitation from the Office whence Commissions to Deputy Surveyors
ought to issue and the present Necessity and Want ^{that} there is of a
Deputy Surveyor both in the County of Somerset and on the Seaboard
Side on the Eastern Shore &c^d And in Obedience to his said Lordships
Instructions for the speedy Seating of the said places and Reposing
Special Trust and Confidence in your
Skill & Circumspection
warrant of Surveying in the said
Lands and running