

and now shall be presented shall offend  
 Our grace to such grant or grant any person and  
 for the better assistance of him our Lieutenant in the execution  
 of the business of the colony as committed to him  
 We have appointed and retained by these Presents do  
 Appoint and Ordain our well beloved Jerome Hawley Esq  
 Thomas Cornwells Esq & John Seager Gent to be our  
 Council of and within our said Province with whom our said  
 Lieutenant shall from time to time advise as he shall see cause  
 upon all occasions concerning the Good of our said Province  
 and of the people there and we do hereby Give and Grant full  
 Power and lawfull Authority unto them our said Lieut to enquire  
 and determine and finally a Judge of and upon all causes  
 Criminal whatsoever of what nature and quality degree or  
 condition soever the same shall be which may in arise  
 within our said Province fully and absolutely as if we our  
 self were personally present to give sentence or Judgment in  
 upon the same excepting only where the life or member  
 of any person shall or may be Enquired of or determined (and  
 toward execution upon every such sentence or Judgment  
 and also to hear and determine all civil Causes Actions suits  
 and demands both in Law & Equity Concerning any  
 Goods Chattels Contracts debts demands or other person or  
 mixt Action, or Actions suit or suits whatsoever in the most  
 Summary and equal way that he may according to the  
 Order Laws and Statutes of that our said Province already  
 made and established or hereafter to be made or established  
 and in default of such Laws established or to be established  
 within our said Province then according to the Laws and  
 Statutes of the Realm of England as near as he may or can  
 and determine therewof and where the life or mem  
 ber or freedom of any person or persons shall happen