

Civil and Criminal to use and Exercise all or any Jurisdiction and Authority for the Administration of Justice & Conservation of the Peace within the said Island as any Justice of Peace in England may or ought to use and Exercise by Virtue of his Commission for the Peace and further (as these shall be Cause) to hold a Court or Courts and in the said Courts to Award Proceps hold pleas and to hear and finally determine all Actions and Causes whatsoever civil happening and arising between any the Inhabitants of the said Island not exceeding in damages or demands the value of One thousand weight of Tobacco as also to hear and finally determine all misdemeanors and Offences whatsoever criminal happening or Committed within the said Island and to Award Execution thereupon so that the said Crimes extend not to the questioning of any one for his life or member and all matters or Causes whatsoever aforesaid to hear and determine in the most Summary or equal way that he may According to the Laws of this Province established or to be established (after publication thereof in the said Island) and in default thereof then according to the Laws of England as near as he shall be able to Judge And further to elect and Appoint all necessary Officers for the Execution of Justice and of the Authority hereby Committed unto him with Allowance of such Reasonable fees as are usually Belonging to such Offices Given at Saint Marys this 22nd day of October 1638 Witness &c

Cecilius Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland
 Lord Baron of Baltimore &c to all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting Whereas by our Commission under our Great Seal Bearer dated at Saint Marys the 22 day of October 1638 we did Ordain and Appoint Our dear Kinsman William Braithwaite Gent to be Commander