

Commission of Secretary

W^hileas Lord and Proprietor of the Province and
 Councils of Maryland and Western in the parts of America
 Lord Baron of Baltimore &c^o to all and Singular persons
 to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye
 that we having had long experience of the Abilities and
 Industry of our trusty and well Beloved Councillor John
 Sevier Esq^r in performing unto us Good and faithful Service
 in our said Province of Maryland and reposing especial
 trust in his wisdom diligence and experience have Com-
 mitted appointed and Ordained and by these presents
 do constitute appoint and Ordain him the said John
 Sevier to be our Secretary of our said Province of Maryland
 and also Judge of all Causes testamentary & Matrimonial
 within our said Province

And we do by these presents appoint constitute &
 Ordain the said John Sevier as well to be our principal
 Officer and Keeper of the Acts and proceedings of us and
 our Lieutenant General and Council there for the time being
 and of and for the entering and Recording of all Grants
 by us or our heirs to be made of any Lands or Offices
 within our said Province of Maryland and for the entering
 and Recording of all other matters Acts and things which
 by any instructions laws or ordinances made or Given
 or to be made or Given for or concerning our said Province
 of Maryland shall or ought by the appointment of us &
 our heirs or by the appointment of our Lieutenant General
 or other chief Governor there for the time being or otherwise
 to be entered as Recorded as also our Collector and Receiver of
 all our Rents revenues and Customs and of all mercantile
 tolls profits and duties whatsoever already due or payable