

River being the Northern bound of Saint Marys County
and bounded on the North side with the Creek upon the
Western side of Chesapeake Bay called the Skerung Creek
and from thence through the Woods to the head of Patuxent
River being the Southern bound of Annsburndell County
and the premises this day likewise appointed Mr Rich
Cotton to be High Sheriff of Calvert County aforesaid

August 8th 1654

Commission for the Administration
of Justice in the Province of Maryland now
Reduced and Settled under the Obedience of
the Commonwealth of England in the name
of his Highness the Lord Protector of England
Scotland, Ireland and all the Dominions
thereto belonging Given by the Honourable
Richard Bennett Esq and Col^l Will^m Claiborne
Commissioners for his Highness to the redu-
cing and settling the Plantations of Virginia
and Maryland under the Obedience aforesaid

Witness by several Oaths taken up and published
at Saint Marys the 29th of March and the 28th of June
1652 the Province of Maryland was reduced and settled
under the Authority and Obedience of the Commonwealth
of England as to the Government thereof by special Order
and Command of the Council of State by Commission
from the Parliament and was left in the hands of Captain
William Stone Mr Thomas Statten and others who were
Required to execute all writs and other process in the
name of the Highness of the Liberty of England according
to the expressions of the Commission and instructions
for reducing settling and governing of all the Plantations