

To Mr Thomas Stalton
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Richard Bennet
W^m Claiborne

Whereas the Ordering directing and governing the
affairs of Maryland for the administration of Justice
the preservation of the peace is committed to us by the Su-
preme authority of the Commonwealth of England &
also the militia is committed to us by the same power
and also by act of Assembly in that case provided it
is therefore Ordered that for the more convenient Admi-
nistration of Justice and Government in the limits of
Saint Marys and Potomack Captain Robert Sly be ad-
mitted into the number of the Commissioners of the pro-
vince and Council of State in Maryland to act in that
place as a Councillor or Commissioner in all matters that
concern the honour of the said Protector and Common-
wealth of England the good and welfare of the people
of this Province as fully as the rest of the Councillors &
Commissioners have power to do and that the said
Captain Robert Sly Mr John Hatch and Mr Dawson shall
have power to issue writs and process both for the pro-
vincial Courts County Courts or any other necessary Occa-
sion for the Commonwealth and the said Mr Hatch &
Mr Dawson to be in special assistance to the said Captain
Robert Sly himself Officers and Soldiers in repelling and
suppressing any Opposition against the present Government
made by the said Ballantyne or any other and that an
Account be kept what warrants or writs any of the said
Councillors shall grant and the return of them may
be enquired after in the Courts &c

It is Ordered that Captain John Smith shall
be constituted Muster Master General for St Marys