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Councils Lord Proprietor to our trust Comptroller of the Exchequer Secretary
of our Province of Maryland, greeting. For divers good considerations
of the better ordering and disposing of speciall trust and confidence in your faithful
and obedient execution, we have assigned and appointed and do hereby assigne
and authorize you to be Comptroller of the Exchequer within the County of St. Marys
giving you hereby full and absolute power and authority to do execute and enjoy
all the same and the like act and deed being and beinge power and power as may
be or usually are exercised and enjoyed by any Justice of Peace in England by
virtue of the Commission for the peace; and further we do hereby authorize you
to take and record recognizances in all causes between parties and parties
and the same recognizance to be of as full force to all intents & purposes as if
it had been taken and recorded before any Justice of record in England. And
further we do hereby authorize appoint and assigne you to be a Justice of the Peace
in our Province, to prove the last will and testament of persons deceased, and to
grant admittance of the estates of persons dying intestate within our said Province, and
to take inventories and accounts and the same to record, and to give discharge
thereupon; and to minister an oath to any person or persons witness or witnesses
executors or administrators as often as you shall cause: and finally to do all
other things we shall hereafter by writinge under the great seal of our Province
in any the premises committed unto you. Given at St. Marys the fourth
and twentieth day of January 1637. witness Leonard Calbert &c.