

And your Honor your necessary Defense of the Province or any part thereof against
any assault or invasion of the Indians or other and with all necessary, it shall be lawful
for the Lord Proprietary or the Lieutenant General, to press or take any necessary, men,
provisions, arms, ammunition or other things necessary for defense, at the most reasonable
value of the country at that time, and the price or price thereof to charge upon the
inhabitants of the Province in such manner & according to such provisions as the said
Lieutenant General will give advice & assent of the Council or the major part of
them then present in the County shall be just.

Provided that such charge amount not in one year to above four thousand
weight of tobacco in St. Marys County, nor in that to above two thousand weight
of tobacco.

And if any person pressed to go upon any publick service or expedition
by authority of any Law of the Province, or with any corporate charter in this Province
regarding the publick defense to follow the labour or rating, or shall be murthered, and the
wife & children (if he leave any and not otherwise maintainable) shall be maintained
till he be able to work, at the charge of the Province or County, in such manner be-
coming to such value & proportion as the Court shall assess.

And if any inhabitant be constrained (by publick order) to forsake his goods
or goods for the assisting of others or for some other publick service, or goods
come to spoils or garnish, such person shall be guaranteed or provided, upon proof thereof
shall be repaired by a publick contribution of the County, or such other parts
County, where such rates & charges, in such manner & according to such proportions
as shall be assessed by the Court. This doth to endure for the year & half from the
day.

These doth were published at St. Marys under the Great Seale, the
fifteenth day of September 1642.

Sheriffs Patent.

Summons

Seeing Lord & Proprietary of Maryland &c. do all persons he knowe that we
respectfullly commend in the faithfulness & diligence of Edward Parker, doe hereby
constitute & appoint you to be our Justice & Sheriff of the County of St. Marys. To hold
& to hold the said Office, unto you the said Edward Parker, until the first of October
1643. And we doe hereby require & command all persons whatsoever within the said County
for the time being, to be aiding & assisting to you in the performance of the said Office
& to acknowledge obey & respect you in the quality of Sheriff, as you will answer
the contrary at your peril. And we doe further authorize you to appoint as Justice
or Under Sheriff in every hundred within the said County at your pleasure. Given at
Marys the fifteenth day of September 1642. Witnessed the hands & Seales
Leonard Calvert Esq. &c.

Sheriffs oath

On the persons day of September the following oath was administered to Edward
Parker; viz. You shall swear that well & truly you will, both for the Lord Proprietary
of the Province in the Office of Sheriff, & for the Lords profit in all things
rightly belonging to you to doe by way of your Office as far forth as you may; you shall
truly & faithfully treat the people of your Sheriffship, & doe right as shall be required
as to fines, in all that belongs to your Office; you shall truly receive and truly
bring all writs & warrants lawfully directed to you, to your running; and in all
other things you shall & faithfully discharge the Office of Sheriff committed unto you, to
your skill & power. So help you God.

Sheriffs Recognition. Edward Parker
swears of to
truly
to do

himself to see unto the Lord Proprietary &c. & to
not perform & execute the Office of Sheriff
to the Lord Proprietary, & to all the people according