

within the said Province to all Christian people to whom this
 presents shall come greeting in our Lord Everlasting Memory
 that whereas the right Honourable Cecilius Absolute Lord and
 Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Ba-
 ron of Baltimore &c hath by his Commission under his hand
 and Seal at Arms bearing date the seventh day of August in
 the nine and thirtieth Year of his said Lordships Dominion over
 the said Province deputed constituted and appointed in his privy
 cyal Secretary of this Province together with the Keeping Enrol-
 ling Registering and Exemplifying of all Records Journalls Grants
 Patents &c within this Province also hath made and appoin-
 ted me his Lordships chief Judge for probat of Wills and Grant-
 ing of Administrations within this Province as also his pub-
 lick Notary within this Province all which Offices to have and
 execute by my self or sufficient deputy or deputies & his
 said Lordship hath also Granted to me the said William Talbot
 all profits fees Benefits or Advantages arising or becoming due
 by reason or means of the said Offices or Employments or
 any of them and it so happening and falling out that I the said
 William Talbot have at present some urgent Occasions and af-
 fairs in the Kingdom of England that I require my personall
 being there and therefore for the Execution of the said Offices and
 Places in my absence must depute and authorize some fitting
 person to do & negotiate and perform the same and I Reposing
 special trust and Confidence in the ability Honesty Care and
 Circumspection of Robert Ridgely of the County of Saint
 Marys in the Province of Maryland aforesaid Clerk have depu-
 ted constituted and appointed and by these presents do depute
 constitute and appoint the said Robert Ridgely to be my
 Chief Clerk under me in all and every the said Offices and
 Employments and also Clerk of the provincial Court &