

and Register and Chamber of the high Court of Chancery &
 also to keep in his custody the lesser Seal of this Province and all
 things belonging to the said Officers and Offices to me belonging
 or appertaining to them by virtue of my said Commission
 my absence. I do fully hereby Authorize depute and appoint
^{in as full & ample Manner as I might or could do if I were personally present to do and perform the same}
 the said Robert Ridgely to do and perform the same, hereby
 giving and granting unto the said Robert Ridgely my full
 Power whole strength and Authority to do and execute all
 or any the premises as my sufficient deputy in my absence
 Provided that the said Robert Ridgely shall once in every
 month if demanded give an account to his Excellency Charles
 Calvert Esq of what Business or Business he shall do dis-
 patch or negotiate in the said Employments as aforesaid and
 also in the doing and managing the same shall be wholly
 advised and take and Observe all the directions in the same
 that his said Excellency shall think fit to give him saving to
 myself full residue, Perquisites, Wages, Rewards or profits that
 to the said Officer or any of them in any wise shall
 arise or become due yet considering the trouble pains & care
 incumbent upon the said Robert Ridgely in the Execution
 of the said Office aforesaid. I do hereby engage to allow
 unto him maintenance and Lodging sufficient and six thousand
 Pounds of Tobacco yearly from the date hereof to be paid out
 of the dues or fees Received or to be Received by reason and means
 of the said Office and Employments and also further the
 Liberty to sell vend and dispose of any County Clerks place
 within this Province when they shall happen to be void
 by death absence Misadventure or otherwise and the said
 Ridgely to have the whole profits of the same to his own proper
 Use excepting only the County of Saint Marys unto Mr
 James Thompson or his Assigns and to no other person