

Baltimore. 1673

Reciturs or. To our Dearly beloved Brother Phillip Calvert Esq. our Chancery
of the said Province of Maryland. Greeting. Whereas for the due Administration
of Justice it is most necessary that there be a Succession from the Dead
to the Living. And that the wills of all persons dying who in their life
do make wills may be duly proved. and Letters of Administration of
all persons dying without wills may be granted to such persons who have
the best Right to succeed the same, that there may (in that case) be
no failure of Justice but that it may be duly administered to all
People within the said Province of Maryland. Know therefore that
wee Trusting in the ability Skill & Integrity of you our said Brother
have Constituted and Ordained, and by this our Commission doo constitute
and appoint you our said Brother to be our Judge or Commissary
Generall for Probate of Wills and Granting of Administrations within
the whole Province of Maryland aforesaid. and the Islands therunto
belonging. And for all manner of causes Relating to the Probate
of Wills & Granting of Administrations of the goods & Chattels of
all persons already deceased or hereafter dying as to any Goods or
Chattels which they have or shall have within the said Province of Maryland
and in all the Incidents and Emergencies therunto belonging or thereupon
arising, and in all matters concerning the Exhibiting of the Inventories
or Accounts upon the making Probate of any such will or wills or
Granting of any Letters of Administration. and of all and only the
Rights and Appurtenances therunto belonging, at the suite or instance
of any person or persons having or pretending to have Interest, and to
Proceed & Determine, sentence, decree and do Judge the same & every
of them, and to administer Right and Justice to all & only persons thereon,
According to the Lawes in such cases, and according to the usage and
Customs of the said Province, And wee doo also hereby Grant
unto you all other powers & Priviledges Rights and Jurisdictions
lawfully belonging to a Court for making Probate of Wills or
granting of Letters of Administration as aforesaid. and all due & just
fees, Profitts, & Emoluments belonging to a Judge of such a Court
as shall be charged by & collected by our Lieutenant and Council in our
said Province. saving to all & only persons & persons that shall
consider themselves aggrieved their Lawfull appeals to us, or in
our absence to our Lieutenant of the said Province for the time
being or such other person or persons as we or our said Lieutenant
shall appoint to hear & Determine the same, To have hold
Exercise and Enjoy the said office of Judge & Commissary Genl
aforesaid in our said Province unto you our said Brother