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and exactly record in the Secretary's office in Maryland and a true  
Copy thereof sent to his Lordship and kept up off the said Master or Disposer  
till his Lordship after he hath received true particular of them shall give specialle  
order therin. Given under his Lordship's hand & cipher seal at Annapolis this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1673.

Entered the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 1673. Robert Ridgely Clerk.

Baltimore.

Baltimore. Reciting to our self & other officers in Maryland and to all others whom it  
may concern Greeting know ye that we the following Officiall Trusteys & Counsellors  
in the within named Dilligent Experience and Fidelity of Dr. Bruffly and Dr. an Hyder  
William Clerke Esq: havee Concluded appointment ordained, and by these presents do  
Constitute appoint ordaine him the said William Clerke to be a Principall  
Secretary of the Province of Maryland, and to have all such Priviledges &  
priviles as belongeth to a Principall Secretary thereto. And were doe by these  
presentes appoint Constitute and ordaine the said William Clerke to be a Principall  
officer and Head of the art and proceedings of us and oþre Council here  
for the time being and of and for the taking & Recording of all grants by  
us or our heire to be made of any lands or offices within the said Province  
of Maryland. To haue and to holdte by and enjoy the said office of Principall  
Secretary together with the priviledges & priviles aforesaid unto the said  
William Clerke while we or our heire shall signify our or their pleasure  
to the contrary and no longe tyme. Provided alwayes that he take in open Court  
in the said Province the oath of a Secretary thereto before he sit or set at  
Secretary in the said Province to be likewise Administred unto him by a said  
Lieutenant or any two of oþre Counsellors who are haue by dispreach  
Imponed and Agreed to Administre the same unto him accordingly  
Provided also that he the said William Clerke shall from time to time  
at all times past and ffor ever haue & will haue John Dan  
gent exacably quickly to haue & enjoy & Receale the place or office  
of Clerk of Clerke County Court in the said Province of Maryland together  
with the profits thereunto belonging according to the present effect  
and meaning of a grant of the said office of Clerk of Clerke County Court  
to the said John Dan gent by a Commission and oþre land and grante he had  
at Annapolis bearing Date the fourth day of December in the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of  
our Dominion or the Province of Maryland anything herein Contrary  
to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Given under oþre hand and general  
Seal at Annapolis the tenth day of December in the 42<sup>nd</sup> year of oþre  
Dominion