

Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Province of Maryland
Lord Baltimore & To Thomas Dent, John Jordan, W^m Boardman, Gerard Syle,
Richard Soyde, John Warron, W^m Rossicott, W^m Hutton, Justinian Gerard,
Tho: Gerard, Joseph Pile & Joshua Doyne gentle Greeting Know ye that we
for the great Trust & Confidence we have in yo^r Fidelity & Circumspection
Punctuality & Wisdoms have constituted Ordyned & Appointed & doe by this
Gentle Constitute Ordyned & Appoint you the said Tho: Dent, John Jordan,
W^m Boardman, Gerard Syle, Richard Soyde, John Warron, W^m Rossicott,
W^m Hutton, Justinian Gerard, Thomas Gerard, Joseph Pile & Joshua Doyne
gentle Comissioners jointly & severally to keep the Peace in S^t: Maryes County
And to keep & cause to be kept all Lawes & Orders made for the good & preservation
of the Peace, & for the quiet rule & Governm^t. of the People in all & every the
Articles of the same & to Chastise & punish all Persons Offending against the
forme of any the Lawes & Orders of our said Province or of any of them in S^t:
Maryes County aforesaid according to the forme of those Lawes & Orders
shall be fit to be done we have also constituted & Ordyned you every four
or more of you of which you the said Tho: Dent, John Jordan, W^m Boardman
& Gerard Syle (unless some one of our Councell be sent) are also to be our
Comissioners to Enquire by the Oath of good & lawfull men of yo^r County
aforesaid of all manner of Felonies Witchescrafts Sorcery & Magic
Arts Trespasses Forfeittings Ingressings & Ejectiones whatsoever kind of all
Singular & other misdiddes & Offences of which Justices of the Peace in England
may or ought lawfully to Enquire by whomsoever or whensoever done or
perpetrated or which hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the
County aforesaid against the Lawes & Ord.^s of our said Province Provided
you proceed not in any of the cases aforesaid to take life or member But that
in every such Case you send the Prisoners with their Indictm^t & the whole
matter depending before you to the next Provinciall Court to be holden
for our said Province whensoever or wheresoever to be holden there to be
Tried And further we doe hereby authorize you to Issue writts Proce^ss & returnes
& Attachm^ts to hold Pleas of Oyer & Terminer & after Judgem^t Execution to
Award in all causes Civill whether in Action Real or Personal where
the thing in Action both not Exceed the Value of three Thousand pounds
of Tobacco according to the Lawes Orders & reasonable Customes made &
used in our said Province of Maryland In which causes Civill so to be Tried
we doe constitute Ordyned & Appoint you Tho: Dent, John Jordan, W^m
Boardman & Gerard Syle to be Judges as aforesaid (unless some one of

Ch. Baltimore