

Subjects residing here under our immediate protection or trading  
within this Province their right of Appeals, and bringing writs of  
Error in our Prov. Court as now by Law is settled. And We  
command the Sheriff of our said County that at the day and  
place by you or any four or more of you to be appointed as  
aforesaid, he cause to come before you such and so many honest  
and lawfull men of his Parish by whom the truth of the  
premises may the better be known and inquired into, And we do  
hereby Declare that it shall and may be Lawfull, And we do hereby  
Authorise and empower any one (and not more at any one time) of  
our Justices of our Prov. Court residing and Inhabiting in our said  
County of Anne Arundell to sit with the aforesaid Justice as afore-  
said in the hearing and determining all or any the aforesaid Actions,  
and that such one of the Justices of our Prov. Court residing as aforesaid  
and the one of the aforesaid Justice to be sufficient for the holding Court  
for the determining the cause or Actions aforesaid. Anything aforesaid  
to the contrary notwithstanding. In Testimony whereof we have  
caused the great Seal of our Province of Maryland to be set to these presents  
to be affixed the thirteenth Day of December in the sixth year of  
our Dominion &c. Anno Domini One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty

Ed: Govt: as is fol: vrb

James Absolute Lord and Prop: of the Province of Maryland and  
Annapolis, the Baron of Baltimore &c. To our trusty & well beloved Councellors  
William Burges and Major Samuel Lane gent: greeting. Whereas we  
have by our Commission under the great Seal of this our Province of Maryland  
bearing date with this, nominated, constituted, & appointed you the  
said William Burges, and Samuel Lane, and the severall other persons in the  
same named, to be Commissioners and Justices for the tryall of Causes  
in our County of Anne Arundell with full power and Authority to  
appeare before your County Court at such days and times as by the Law in that case  
made is provided. Now know ye that we reporting great trust and  
confidence in your fidelity and provident circumspections have Assigned  
you and by virtue of these presents do give unto you full power and Authority  
(you the said Samuel Lane having first taken the oath of Commission  
and Justice of the peace of our Province upon the holy Evangelists, w<sup>ch</sup> oath  
we do hereby Empower and Authorise you the said William Burges duly  
to administer, And you the said Samuel Lane having red: & taken the  
said Oath, we do hereby Authorise and empower you to administer