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in the fifth year of our Dominion J. Amos, Dominus Our Lord
Richard Bigley One.

Charles Absolute Lord Proprietor of the Province of Maryland &
Abraham Lord Baron of Baltimore &c. To Capt. Samuel Bourn, Roger Brook,
Richard Ladd, John Griggs, Thomas Stirling, Thomas Brook, Richard Marham, George
Ligau, John Craycroft, Francis Collin, Francis Hutchins, and Samuel Taylor
gentle greeting. KNOW YE that We for the great trust and confidence We
have in your fidelity, circumspection, prudence and wisdom, have constituted,
ordained and appointed, and do by these presents constitute ordain and appoint you
the said Samuel Bourn, Roger Brook, Richard Ladd, and John Griggs, Thomas
Stirling, Thomas Brook, Richard Marham, George Ligau, John Craycroft, Francis Collin,
Francis Hutchins and Samuel Taylor gentle Commissioners jointly & severally to keep
the peace in Talbot County, and to hear and cause to be kept all Law and orders
made for the good and conservation of the peace, and for the quiet rule & government
of the people in all and every parts of the same, and to chastise and punish all
persons offending against the form of any the Law and orders of our Province or of
any of them in Talbot County aforesaid as according to the form of the Law and
orders shall be fit to be done; We have also constituted and ordained you and every four or
more of you (of which you the said Samuel Bourn, Roger Brook, Richard Ladd,
and John Griggs (unless some one of our Council be present) are also to be) our
Commissioners to enquire by the oath of good and lawfull men of your County
aforesaid of all manner of felonies, Withers, Inchantments, forgeries, Magicke
arts, Treasons, Horridallings, Injuries and felonies whatsover and of all and
singular other misdemeanors and offences of which Justice of the peace in England may
or ought lawfully to enquire by whomsoever or wheresoever done or perpetrated or
which hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the County aforesaid against
the Law and orders of our said Province, provided you proceed not in any of these
aforesaid to take life or member, but that in every such case you send the prisoners with
their Judgments and the whole matter depending before you to the next Baronial
Court to be holden for our said Province, wherefore or wherefore to be holden, there
to be tried And further We do hereby Authorize you to issue Writts, process, Arressts,
and Attachments to hold plea of Oyer and Terminer, and after judgement Execution
to award in all causes civil whether in actions real or personall according to the
Law and orders and reasonable customs made and used in our said Province of Maryland
in which causes civil so to be tried We do constitute ordain and appoint you
Samuel Bourn, Roger Brook, Richard Ladd and John Griggs to be Judges as
aforesaid, unless some one of our Council be then in Court And therefore We
command you that you diligently intend the keeping of the peace Law and orders, and all
and singular other the premises, and at certain days appointed according to cle of
Assembly in that case provided and such places which you or any four or more of you
as aforesaid shall in that behalf appoint. Ye make Enquiries upon the premises
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