

Maryland

Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore)

To Benjamin Tasker & Daniel Dulany — of the City of Annapolis Esqrs. Greeting.

Whereas for the due administration of justice, It is most expedient that there be a succession from the Dead to the Living And that the Wills of all Persons devising or bequeathing any Real or Personal Estate may be duly proved and Letters of Administration of the Estates of all Persons dying Intestate be Granted to such who have Right. Therefore, to the end there may be no failure of Justice therein. But that it may be duly administered within this Province to all Persons concerned. Know Ye, That we very much relying and confiding in the Knowledge, Care, Integrity and Ability of you the said Benjamin Tasker and Daniel Dulany have and do by these Presents Ordain, Constitute and Appoint you the said Benjamin Tasker and Daniel Dulany to be our Commissioners General and Judges for Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations within this our Province and in all the Accidents and Emergencies thereunto belonging or thereupon arising as well in taking the probate of all such Wills and granting Letters of Administration as also in Receiving Examining and paying all Inventories and accounts whatsoever before you or either of you to be exhibited and at the suit or instance of any Person or Persons having or pretending to have any Interest in any Deceased's Estate within this Province to proceed Adjudge, Sentence and Decree the same and every of them. And Administer Righte Justice to all Persons therein concerned according to the known Laws and Customs of this our Province and where those are silent according to the Laws Usages & Customs of England And further we do grant unto you or either of you the said Benjamin Tasker and Daniel Dulany to Exercise all Powers Rights Jurisdictions and Privileges lawfully belonging to a Court for taking the Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations as aforesaid saving to