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Maryland

Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c.

To the honourable Walter Dulany Esq.

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 Administrated 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 Walter Dulany have and do by these presents Ordain constitute and appoint you the said Walter Dulany to be our Commissary General and Judge for Probate of Wills and granting Administrations within this our Province and in all the Incidents 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 passing all Inventories and Accounts whatsoever before you to be exhibited and at the Suit or Instance of any Person or Persons having or pretending to have any Interest in any Deceaseds Estate within this Province to proceed, Adjudge, Sentence and Decree the same and every of them, and Administer Right and 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 and Customs of England and further We do grant unto you the said Walter 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 all and every such Person or Persons that shall conceive themselves aggrieved by any definitive Sentence of you given or to be given their lawful Rights of Appealing to Us or our Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province for the time being or to such other Person or Persons as We or they shall appoint to hear and determine the same - To have hold Execute and enjoy the said Office of Judge and Commissary General and Commissioner in Chief for Probate Wills and granting Administrations within our said Province as aforesaid unto you the said Walter Dulany as you shall see convenient and to take and receive for our proper use and behoof of all due and just Fees, Profits, and Emoluments, belonging to a Judge of such a Court which have been by Us established or which shall hereafter be by us or our Governor and Council by our Authority hereafter established, and generally to Act do Perform and Execute all and singular the Powers and Jurisdictions to you hereby granted until such time as we shall signify our Will and Pleasure to the contrary - Witness our Trusty and well beloved

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