

290/ 5th of December 1772

Maryland Jst Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the
Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore and so forth

To Our Trusty and well beloved John Ridout, William
Hayward, Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, John Hepburn,
and James Dickinson Esq^{rs} Greeting

Whereas Abraham Barnes George Plater Richard Brown
Moses Tabb; John Eden and Zachariah Bond of Saint Marys County
Trustees and Trustees of the Free School in the same County by their
Humble Petition to his preferred have set forth that they the said
Petitioners sometime past on behalf and as Trustees of the said School
exhibited a Libel in the Prerogative Court of this Province against
Norman Bruce George Watts and Rebecca his Wife Daniel Charles
Heath and Mary his Wife and Susannah Key of and concerning a
Paper produced and lodged in the said Court as and for the last Will
and Testament of Theodocia Key late of Saint Marys County deceased
and prayed that the said paper might not be received and proved as
the Will of the said Theodocia but that Administration of her Estate
might be granted to them the said Petitioners for the use of the said
School agreeable to the Act of Assembly in such Cases made and
provided But that by the Judgment of the Commissary General the
said paper was Decreed to be received and proved as the last Will and
Testament of the said Theodocia Key in which Decree the said
Petitioners apprehend there is manifest Error and that the same tends
greatly to their prejudice - And whereas the said Petitioners have
supplicated us to Delegate a power to Commissioners and Delegates
to inspect view Examine and correct as well according to the Laws
and Customs of Great Britain as pursuant to the Acts of Assembly
of this Province in such Case made and Provided the said Decree
and the same if by Law and Justice so to be done to Repeal and
make void and other Decree touching the Matters in the Complaint
aforesaid contained to make and pronounce and to Execution to bring or
cause to be brought such Decree still observing the Order of Law and
Justice, to which Supplication of the Petitioners aforesaid We giving
assent Do hereby nominate Delegate and Commissionate you the
(said)