

29 April 1773.

Maryland. The Right Honourable Henry Harford Esq. Absolute
 Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland.
 To the Honourable Walter Dulany of the City of Annapolis Esq. Greeting.

Rob. Eden. 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 Administrations 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 Per-
 sons 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 by these presents
 Do ordain constitute and appoint you the said Walter Dulany to be our Commis-
 sary General and Judge for Probate of Wills and granting Administrations within
 this our Province and in all the incidents and emergencies thereunto belonging or there-
 upon 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 Deceased's 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 aggriev-
 ed by any dispositive Sentence of you given or to be given their lawful Rights of Ap-
 pealing to Us or our Governor or 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 Do have hold execute and enjoy the said Office of Judge and Commissary General
 and Commissioner in Chief for Probate of Wills and granting Administrations within
 our said Province as aforesaid unto you the said Walter Dulany as you shall see conve-
 nient and to take and receive to your proper Use and Behoof all due and just Fees pro-
 fits and Emoluments belonging to a Judge of such a Court which have been by Us Estab-
 lished 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 Robert
 Eden Esq. Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over our said Province at the
 City of Annapolis this 29 day of April in the Second Year of our Dominion Annoq
 Domini 1773. —

Signed by Order
 W. Scott Lt. Gov