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Sergt Wynn's Opinion
The Case.

King Charles the first by his Letters Patents dated 20th June 1609. Granted to the then Lord Baltimore, The Absolute Lordship and Proprietorship of the Province of Maryland (Saving Faith Allegiance & Sovereign Dominion to his Majesty his Heirs and Successors) Together in General with all and singular the like and as ample Rights Jurisdictions Priviledges, Prerogatives Royalties Liberties Immunities Royall rights and Franchises of what kind soever Temporal as well by Sea as by Land to have exercise use and enjoy the same as amply as any Bishop of Durham within the Bishoprick or County Palatine of Durham in the Kingdom of England then had or at any Time theretofore had hold used or enjoyed or of right ought or might have had hold used or enjoyed. -

By another Clause of the said Letters Patents his said late Majesty gave to the said Lord Baltimore power to appoint Deputies Lieutenants Judges Justices Magistrates Officers and Ministers either by Sea or Land for what Cause soever And with what power soever and in such form as to him and his Heirs should seem most convenient; And to do all and every other thing or things which unto the compleat Establishment of Justice unto Courts Pretorians and Tribunals Forms of Judicature and manners of Proceedings do belong, Altho in those presents Express mention be not made thereof.

By Virtue of such Powers the Lord Baltimore Erected Courts and appointed Judges Magistrates and Officers for the better Government of that Province and Administration of Justice therein; And which Judges Officers &c. have always acted and still act in the several Courts under such appointments, During such Time as the Government of the said Province remained as it now is in the hands and under the Direction of the Lord Baltimore.

(Between)