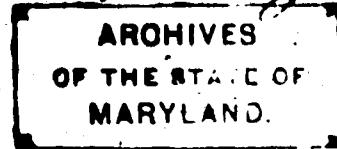


Maryland^{ps}

1st January 1774. ~

Rob^t Eden.

The Right Honourable Henry Harford
Esquire absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Pro-
vince of Maryland. ~



No

Our Trusty and well beloved James Brooks
of the City of Annapolis in our Province of Mary-
land Esquire, Greeting. ~

Forasmuch as We do repose Special Trust and Confidence
in your Integrity Fidelity Skill and Learning in Clerkship We have thought
fit and do by these presents give and grant unto you the said James
Brooks the Office of Clerk to our Governor and Council of our said Pro-
vince of Maryland hereby appointing authorizing and empowering
you to have hold exercise use and enjoy the said Office and to take
and receive to your own proper use and behoof as well the Salary usually
allowed as also all and singular other the Rights Benefits profits Per-
quisites and Advantages thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining in an
ample manner as any of the Clerks to our said Governor and Council have
used To have hold exercise receive and enjoy the same for and during our
good Will and Pleasure. ~

Witness Our Trusty and well beloved Robert Eden Esq^r
Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over our said Province
this First day of January in the Third Year of Our Dominion An-
no Domini 1774. ~

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22 of February 1774.

Commission issued in common form to Benjamin Silvester of
Caroline County to be one of the Coroners of said County. ~

Commission issued in common form to Charles Downes of Queens
Anns County to be one of the Coroners of said County. ~

Commission issued in common form to Clement Swalk of Queens
Anns County to be one of the Coroners of said County. ~