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William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To our Trusty & well Beloved John Addison, John Courts and Thomas Brooke Esq.rs Greeting **Whereas** for the due Administracon of Justice it is most Expedient that there be a Succession from the Death of Persons and that the Wills of all Persons dying or Bequeathing any Realty or personall Estate may be duely proved and that Letters of Administracon of the Estates of all persons dying Intestate may be Granted to Such as do have right thereunto, And that there may in that Case be no Failure of Justice but that it may be duely Administred to all persons in this province **Know yee** therefore that we Trusting in the Ability Care and Integrity of you the Said John Addison, John Courts and Thomas Brooke, have Ordeined Constituted Deputed and Appointed you the Said John Addison, John Courts and Thomas Brooke to be our Judges or Gen.ll Com.rs for probate of Wills and Granting Administracons within this province And for all Causes & Matters relateing to the probate of Wills and Granting Administrations of the Goods and Chattells of all persons allready deceased or hereafter dyeing, as to any Goods or Chattells which they Had or Shall Have within this province and in all the incidents and Emergeneys thereunto belonging or thereupon arising and in all matters Concerning the Exhibiting of the Inventorys and Accounts upon the Making the probate of any Such Will or Wills or granting any Letters of Administracon, and of all and every the Rights and Appurtenances thereunto belonging at the Suite of Instance of any person or persons Having or pleading to have any Interest and to proceed to Determine Sentence Decree and Adjudge the Same and every of them, and Administer Right and Justice to all and every person therein Concerned according to the Laws in Such Case and according to the usage and Customs of this province And we do also hereby Grant unto you or any one of you to Exercise all Powers, priviledges Rights and Jurisdictions Lawfully belonging to a Court for making probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration as of

John Addison
John Courts
Thomas Brooke

and