Ans Thereupon his Honour the now Commissary General and Judge for Probate of Wills &c appoints Eli Vallette of the City of Annapolis Gent. to be Register and Chief Clerk of this Court and Commissionates him as follows Vz.

Maryland ss. Charles Goldsborough Esquire, Commissary General and Judge for Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations in the Province of Maryland

To Eli Vallette of the City of Annapolis Gentleman Sendeth Greeting. Know You that for the Especial Trust and Confidence I have and do repose in your Diligence & Integrity as well as Skill and Judgment in Clerkship of and Testamentary Affairs I have Constituted ordained and appointed, and by these Presents Constitute, Ordain and appoint you the Said Eli Vallette to be Chief Clerk and Register of the Prerogative Court for Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations within this Province and to keep and enter or Cause to be done all and Singular the Records and Proceedings of the Said Court and Generally to Act and do in all things relating to the Office as Register of the Said Court as fully and Amply as any former Register hath or ought to have done Willing and Impowering you to Ask Demand, receive and into your Custody to take all Records, Escripts, Papers, Books and Emoluments whatsoever unto the Said Office belonging or in any Wise appertaining To have and To hold Exercise and Enjoy the Said Office of Register to you the Said Eli Vallette during pleasure. Given under my hand and Seal of Office at the City of Annapolis this Nineteenth day of December in the fourteenth Year of the Dominion of his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province &c Annoque Domini 1764.

L.S. Charles Goldsborough Comy General

On the foot of the above Commission was wrote as follows Viz.t On the 19th day of December 1764 Personally appeared before me one of his Lordships Justices of Ann Arundel County Court the within and above

above named Eli Vallette and as Clerk and Register to the Prerogative Office for probate of Wills and Granting Administrations, took the Several Oaths Appointed by Act of Assembly to be taken to the Government and also repeated and Signed the Oath of abjuration and Test and took the following Oath Viz. You Eli Vallette do Swear that according to the best of your Skill & knowledge you will well and faithfully Execute the Office of Chief Clerk or Register of the Prerogative Court for probate of Wills and Granting Administrations within this province and make or Cause to be made true and fair Entries of the proceedings and Transactions of the Said Court that any ways belongs to the Said Office to do, and Shall not deny Justice to any Person or Persons whatsoever either thro' Fear, Favour or affection, but in all things well and honestly Demean yourself so long as you Shall Continue in the Said Office So help you God Sworn to before me the day & year above

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Ordered by his Honour the Commissary General that the Register Write to the Several Deputy Commissarys of this Province acquainting them of his being appointed Commissary General and Judge for Probate of Wills and Granting Administrations by Commission from his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq.r Governor of this Province, by which their former Commissions Cease, and that they are requested to apply to the Office for new Commissions, and that untill the Same are obtained they the Said Deputy Commissarys are Severally Continued in their Several Offices and to act therein in the usual Manner, without Orders are given to the Contrary in the mean Time: Pursuant to which they had Notice accordingly and Commissions were made out dated the Nineteenth day of December to the Several Persons following Viz.

Eli Vallette	to be Deputy Commissary	of Ann Arundel County
Stourton Edwards	to be Deputy Com.y	of Saint Marys County
Daniel Jenifer	Do.	of Charles County
George Scott	Do.	of Prince Georges County
Ellis Slater	Do.	of Calvert County
Thos. Bowles	Do.	of Frederick County
Colo. Wm. Young	Do.	of Baltimore County
Andrew Pearce	Do.	of Cecil County
Bedingfield Hands	Do.	of Kent County
Thomas Wright	Do.	of Queen Anns. County
William Tilghman	Do.	of Talbot
John Goldsborough	Do.	of Dorchester
Thomas Holbrook	Do.	of Somerset and
Benton Harris	Do.	of Worcester County

which were Ordered to be entered

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