Maryland ss:

At his Majestyes Provinciall Court Begun and held at the Port of Annapolis the Ninth Day of May in the Eleventh Year of the Reigne of our Soveraigne Lord William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Anno Domini 1699

The Honble Robert Smith Esqr President

Present { Richard Hill, Philip Hoskins, Thomas Staley } John Pollard, James Kooleh } Esqrs

The Court adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of Clock

Wednesday May 10 1699

The Court met again and were Present

Capt Richard Hill, Capt Philip Hoskins } Mr Thomas Staley, Mr James Kooleh

The Court being Sett was read the following Commission (viz)

William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith To Richard Hill Thomas Smith Esqr John Thompson John Bigger Philip Hoskins James Saunders James Rodes John Pollard Thomas Staley John Hawkins James Kooleh and Thomas Greenfield Esqrs Greeting Know yee that wee have Assigned you and every of you jointly & Severally our Justices to Keep our Peace in our Province of Maryland and to Keep and cause to be kept All Ordinances and Statutes made for the Good of ye Peace and for Conservation of the same and for the Quiet Rule and Government of the people in all and every the Articles thereof within our said Province according to the true Intent and Effect of the same and to Chastise and punish all Psons offending against the Forme of the sd Laws Ordinances and Statutes or any of them as according to the Forme of the sd Laws Ordinances and Statutes shall be fitt to be done Wee have allsoe Assigned you the said Richard Hill Esqr to be Chiefe Justice of our Provinciall Court of aforesaid