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At a Provincial Court held at the City of Annapolis in the County of Anne Arundel for the Province of Maryland on the Third Tuesday in May being the 16 day of the same month Anno Dom 1727 being the thirteenth year of the Dominion of the Rt Honble Charles Absolute Lord & Proprietary of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c.

Were Present

The Honble James Lloyd Esq Chief Justice
Thos Addison Esq
Wm Dock Esq
Jno Smith Esq
Philip Lee Esq
Justices

Rachel Denton Cl.

Proclamation made in usual form &c.

Ordered that Thomas Facias Furnatess Jun Sheriff of Anne Arundel County do summon twenty four good & lawfull men to attend this Court as petit Jurors, & not Indifiably which Sheriff accordingly

John Beale proves an Account against Thos Brooks in open Court.

Capt Thos Larkin on his Prayer is admitted an Attorney of this Court by taking the Usuall Oaths to the Government & the Oath of an Attorney prescribed by a Late Act of Assembly which he does in open Court & thereupon takes his Place.

Henry Wright proves Account against Robt Willis.

A New Commission being produced to this Court was read & ordered to be Entered the Tenour whereof follows in those words viz.

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Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Addison William Dock Roger Woolford, Edward Lloyd, Benj. Tasker, Philip Lee, John Smith, and Edwin Gale Esquires Greeting. Know Ye that we have appointed you & every of you Jointly and Severally Justices to keep our Peace in our Province of Maryland and to keep or cause to be kept all & singular the reasonable good Laws Statutes and Ordinances of that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called England and Laws Statutes and Ordinances of Our Province made for the good of the Peace & Conservation of the same and for the Quiet Rule and Government of the People in all and every the Articles therein in Our said Province according to the form and effect of the same and to Chastize and punish all persons offending against the form of those Ordinances shall be fit to be done We have also appointed you the said Thomas Addison Esq to be Chief Justice of Our Provincial Court of Our said Province and you the said William Dock Roger Woolford, Edward Lloyd, Benj. Tasker, Philip Lee, John Smith and Edwin Gale Justices of our said Court Willing and by these presents Constituting and Authorizing that Our said Chief Justice and Justices aforesaid or any two or more of them of which you the said Thomas Addison William Dock, Roger Woolford and Edward Lloyd, or any One of you shall be Always one Justices Sufficient to hold a Court at such to Enquire by the Oath of good & lawfull men of our said Province by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known of all & all manner of Murthers Treasons Misprisions of Treasons Felonies Witchcrafts Enchantments Sorceries Arts Magick Trespasses Forestallings Engrossings Regratings and Extortions whatsoever and all & Every such Touching and relating unto Our Sovereign Lord the King as our Duty & the Conservation of his Majesty's Peace within our said Province as also for the holding of Common Pleas & the hearing & determining of all manner of Actions Civil Real Personal and Mixt within our said Province And therefore we command you & every of you Diligently to Intend the Keeping Our Peace Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid and all & singular other the Premises And that at certain Days and Places which you or any two or more of you as aforesaid shall in that behalf Represent you make Enquiry of and upon the Premises and hear & determine Perform and fulfill all & singular the same doing thereon what to Justice appertaining according to the reasonable Laws & Customs of England and the Laws Statutes and Ordinances of this Our Province Saving to us our Amercements and other things thereto belonging And We command the Sheriffs of our said Province by

(Virtue)

Ga. Calvert