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Maryland ss

At a Provincial Court held at the City of Annapolis in the County of Anne Arundell for the Province af.d on the third Tuesday of October being the Seventeenth Day of the same Month and in the Twenty fourth Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c Anno Dom 1738.

Were Present

The Honourable — George Dent, Robert Gordon, John Copson — Esq.rs Justices

Soon after appeared Levin Gale Henry Hooper John Addison John Hicks and Samuel Chamberlain Esq.rs

Zachariah Maynbin Sheriff

The following Commission was Produced Viz.t Maryland ss Charles Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To Levin Gale George Dent Robert Gordon Henry Hooper John Copson Stephen Knight John Addison John Hicks and Samuel Chamberlain Esq.rs Greeting Know ye that We have assigned you and every of you jointly and severally our Justices to keep our Peace in our Province of Maryland & to do Equal Law & Right to all the Kings Subjects Rich and Poor according to the Laws Customs and Directions of the Acts of Assembly of this Province so far forth as they Provide & where they are Silent according to the Laws Statutes and reasonable Customs of England as used & practised within this Province for the Conservation of the Peace & for the Quiett Rule & Government of the Kings Subjects in our said Province And to Chastize & Punish all Persons offending against the form of these Acts Customs Laws & Statutes or any of them according to the form of the same Acts Customs Laws & Statutes shall be fitt to be done We have also assigned you the said Levin Gale Chief Justice of our said Court Willing and by these Presents constituting & authorizing that our said Chief Justice and Justices af.d or any two or more of them of which you the said Levin Gale George Dent Robert Gordon Henry Hooper and John Copson or one of you shall be always one Justice sufficient to hold a Court as well to Enquire by the Oath of Good & Lawfull Men of our said province by which the Truth of the matter may be the better known of all & all manner of Murthers Treasons Misprision of Treasons Felonies Wilfull Manslaughters Enchantments Sorceries Witchcrafts Trespasses forestallings Ingrossings Regratings & Extortions whatsoever and all pleas as well touching & relating unto our Soverreign Lord the King as our Self & the Conservation within our said Province as also for the holding a Court of Common pleas & the Hearing & determining of all Manner of Actions Civil Real personal & Mixt within our said Province And therefore We command you and every of you diligently to intend the keeping our Peace & the Acts Customs Laws & Statutes af.d all & singular the Premisses And that at Certain Days & places which you or any two or more of you as af.d shall in that behalf appoint you make Enquiry & upon the Premisses & hear & determine soe forth & fulfill the same doing thereon what to Justice appertaines According to the Laws Customs & Directions of the Acts of Assembly of this province so far forth as they Provide & where they are Silent According to the Laws Statutes & reasonable Customs of England as used & practised within this province Saving to us our Amerciaments & other things there to us belonging And We Command the several respective Sheriffs of our said Province by virtue of these Presents that on the Certain Days & places assigned or which you or any two or more of you as af.d shall Appoint & make known unto them they Cause to Come before you or such two or more of you as af.d such & so many Good & Lawfull Men of their Bailywick by whom the truth of the Premisses may be the better known & Enquired of & that they together with all & singular Our Chief Officers Civil and Military within our province & all other our Good People of the same in all things touching the Office of the Justice & Justices Respectively as af.d the Conservation of our Peace & the Peace of our said Province And all & singular the Premisses be fully & wholly Obedient unto you our Chief Justice & Justices Respectively Witness our Trusty & well beloved Samuel Ogle Esq.r Lieutenant General & Chief Governour of our said Province of Maryland this thirty first Day of August in the twelfth year of our Dominion &c Anno Dom 1738

Sam: Ogle

Maryland ss Charles Absolute Lord & Prop.r of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To George Dent Robert Gordon Henry Hooper John Copson & Stephen Knight Esq.rs Greeting