

Liber P. R. you in all things as becometh. Given vnder the great Seale of o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland at o<sup>r</sup> ffort of S<sup>t</sup> Maries within o<sup>r</sup> said Province on the fifth day of September anno dñi 1642.

Commission of Secretary. Cecilius Lord & Propriet<sup>r</sup> of the Provinces and Counties of Maryland and Avalon in the parts of America Lord Baron of Baltemore &c. To all and singular persons to whom these pñts shall come Greeting. Know ye that we having had long experience of the abilities & industry of o<sup>r</sup> trusty and welbeloved Counsell<sup>r</sup> John Lewger Esq in performing vnto vs good & faithfull service in o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland, & reposing especiall trust in his wisdom diligence & experience have constituted appointed & ordeined and by these pñts doe constitute appoint and ordeine him the said John Lewger to be our Secretary of o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland, and also Judge of all Causes Testamentary & Matrimoniall within our said Province.

And we doe by these pñts appoint constitute & ordeine the said John Lewger aswell to be o<sup>r</sup> principall officer & keeper of the acts & proceedings of vs and of o<sup>r</sup> Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Gräll and Counsell there for the time being, and of and for the entring & recording of all grants by vs or our heires to be made of any lands or offices within o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland, and for the entring & recording of all other matters acts and things w<sup>ch</sup> by any instructions lawes or ordinances made or given or to be made or given for or concerning o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland shall or ought by the appointm<sup>t</sup> of vs and o<sup>r</sup> heires or by the appointm<sup>t</sup> of o<sup>r</sup> Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Gräll or other cheife govern<sup>r</sup> there for the time being or otherwise to be entred as recorded, as also o<sup>r</sup> Collector & Receivor of all our rents revenues and customes & of all amerciaments tolls profitts & duties whatsoever already due or payable & that shall hereafter from time to time be due or payable vnto vs within our said Province.

p. 35 To have and to hold exequite & enjoy the said office & offices vnto the said John Lewger during o<sup>r</sup> pleasure.

And we doe hereby promise & grant signifie & declare that all and every acquittance or other discharge vnder the hand and seale of the said John Lewger shalbe to all and every the people there within o<sup>r</sup> said Province a sufficient discharge for such rents customes profitts & other duties w<sup>ch</sup> shall from time to time be paid vnto him the said John Lewger for our vse, Given vnder o<sup>r</sup> great Seale of o<sup>r</sup> said Province of Maryland at o<sup>r</sup> ffort of S<sup>t</sup> maries within o<sup>r</sup> said Province, on the fifth day of September 1642.

1. 17 Proclamation By the Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Generall

These are to publish & declare that the Sesquihanowes, Wicomeses, and Nantacoque Indians, are enemies of this Pro-