

mitted to us by the Same power and also by Act of Assembly in that Case Provided, It is therefore Ordered that for the more Convenient Administration of Justice and Government in the Limits of S<sup>t</sup> Maries and Potomock, Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Sly be admitted into the Number of the Commission<sup>rs</sup> of the Province and Councell of State in Maryland to act in that place as a Councello<sup>r</sup> or Commission<sup>r</sup> in all matters that Concerne the Hono<sup>r</sup> of the Lord Protector and Commonwealth of England, the Good and wellfare of the people of this Province, as fully as the rest of the Councello<sup>rs</sup> & Commission<sup>rs</sup> have power to doe, And that the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Slye m<sup>r</sup> John Hatch and m<sup>r</sup> Lawson Shall have power to issue out Writts & process both for the Provinciaall Courts County Courts or any other necessary occasion for the Commonwealth, And the Said m<sup>r</sup> Hatch and m<sup>r</sup> Lawson to be in Speciall assistant to the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Slye himself officers & Soldiers in in repelling and Suppressing any opposition ag<sup>t</sup> the present Government made by the Lord Baltemore or any other, And that an Account be kept what Warr<sup>ts</sup> or Writts any of the S<sup>d</sup> Councellers Shall Grant, and the return of them may be Enquired after in the Courts &c

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It is ordered that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Smith Shall be Constuted Muster Master Generall for S<sup>t</sup> Maries Potomock and Putuxent Counties, And is hereby Impowered to exercise the Said office in as large and ample Manner as hath been formerly practiced by Such an offic<sup>r</sup> and as the present occasions doe or may require here

It is ordered that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Smith doe take what Care he may Concerning the Estates of Delinquents which are Sequestred in Putuxent and Potomock and S<sup>t</sup> Maries to take an Inventory thereof and use Such prudent means to Save Indamnified the Said Estates as he Shall think fitt untill further Order Come from the Governour & Councell under his highness the Lord Protector

According to an order of the Provinciaall Court holden at Putuxent the 24<sup>th</sup> of Apr<sup>ll</sup> 1655 That Cap<sup>t</sup> John Smith and Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter Johnson Should be Commanders of the Military forces in Putuxent River on both Sides of the River, We doe therefore in the Name of his Highness the Lord Protector of England Scotland Ireland and the Dominions thereunto belonging Constitute ordaine and appoint, You Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Smith to be the Chiefe Commander of all Such as Shall be Nominated and Listed Soldiers of the Trayne band for the Service of the Commonwealth from Leonard's Creeke downwards includeing the Eastern Side of the Said Creeke and both Sides of the River Giving and Granting unto you full power & Authority