

all matters of warfare by Sea and Land necessary to the resistance of the Enemy or Suppression of Mutinies and insolencies, to doe all Such things as to the Chief Captain or Commander doe belong and appertain untill wee Shall Signifie our pleasure to the Contrary and in all other matters Civill and Criminall to use and exercise all or any Jurisdiction and authority for the administration of Justice and Conservaçon of our peace within the Said Island as any Justice of the peace in England may or ought to use and exercise by vertue of this Comission for the peace, and further as there Shall be cause to hold a Court or Courts and in the Said Courts to award Process hold Pleas and to hear and finally determine All actions and Causes whatsoever civill happening and ariseing between any the Inhabitants of the Said Island and not exceeding in damages or demands the Value of one thousand weight of Tobacco, as also to hear and finally determine all misdemeanours and Offences whatsoever Criminall happening or Comitted within the Said Island, and to award Execution thereupon Soe that the Said Crimes extend not to the questioning of any one for his life or member and all matters or Causes whatsoever aforesaid to hear and determine in the most Summary and equall way that he may according to the Laws of this Province Established or to be Established (after publication thereof in the Said Island) and in default thereof, then according to the Laws of England as near as he Shall be able to Judge, And further to Elect and appoint all necessary Officers for the Execution of Justice and of the authority hereby Comitted unto him with allowance of Such reasonable fees as are usually belonging to Such Offices, Given at S^t Maries this 22th day of October 1638, Witness &c

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[Additional Commission to William Brainthwait.]

Cecilius Lord Proprietary of the Province of Maryland Lord Baron of Baltemore &c To all persons to whome these presents Shall come Greeting, Whereas by our Comission under our Great Seal bearing date at S^t Maries the 22th day of October 1638, We did ordain and appoint our Dear Kinsman William Brainthwait Gent to be Commander of our Isle of Kent with Severall powers and authorities for that purpose, Now know Yc that for further Supply and Interpretation of the said Comission We Doe not only hereby confirm the powers and authorities therein granted unto the s^d William Brainthwaite, but doe further amplifie and enlarge it, Giving unto him by this our present Comission full power and authority by a precept under his hand to Summon or warn any person being within our Said Island to Answer to any matter or Suit Civill, or Criminall and to hear and determine all Suits of debt of

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