

Lib. R. R. Comission<sup>rs</sup> secured and reserved onely for the Countreys service And that such as have not been duely paid for and satisfied may be returned to their right owners An accompt whereof the Comission<sup>rs</sup> of our respective County Courts are (in convenient time and from time to time when and as often as they shall make any discovery of any such Gunns Armes &c. as aforesaid To render unto us or our Lieu<sup>t</sup> Generall or Chiefe Governo<sup>r</sup> for the time being Whereof all persons concerned are to take due notice as they will answer the Contrary att their perill Wittnes our selfe att our City of S<sup>t</sup> Maryes Given under our Greate Seale of our said Province the Eighth day of January in the ffourth yeare of our Dominion &c. Annoq Domini One thousand six hundred Seventy Eight.

[Justices of Somerset County.]

Charles &c To William Stevens, William Colebourne John White, Thomas Walker, George Johnson, John Windar, Charles Ballard, David Browne, James Dashield, William Jones, ffrancis Jenkins, William Brereton, Roger Walford and W<sup>m</sup> Ennis of Somersett County Gentl greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Know ye that wee considering with our selfe that this Our Province Depends wholly upon trade, and that wee have not as yett money coine amongst the People here Inhabiting to carry on trade, soe that the Marchant and Planter are both forced to make many debts which causeth many suites att Law, as alsoe that speedy Justice in the Recovery of Debts is therefore the life of all trade, wee have assigned you the said W<sup>m</sup> Stevens, W<sup>m</sup> Colebourne, John White, Thomas Walker, George Johnson, John Winder Charles Ballard David Browne James Dashield, W<sup>m</sup> Jones, ffrancis Jenkins, W<sup>m</sup> Brereton Roger Walford W<sup>m</sup> Ennis or any foure or more of you (whereof you the said William Stevens, W<sup>m</sup> Colebourne, John White Thomas Walker or George Johnson are alwaies to be One) Justices within Our said County of Somersett to heare and determine all causes or Accōns of debts whether by bill bond or Accompt or trespas upon the Case ariseing upon Accompt according to the Lawes and Customes of this Our Province of Maryland, And therefore wee comānd you that at the Certaine days settled by the Law of this Our Province for holding Courts in your said County the said Actions you enquire into heare and determine and after judgment Execucōn to award doing therein what to Justice appertaineth according to the Lawes and reasonable Customes of this Our Province, saveing to us the