

ordeined, and by these presents doe constitute appoint and ordeine them the s<sup>d</sup> Nicholas Sewall and John Darnall to be Our Principall Secretaries of our said Province of Maryland, and to have all such priviledges and benefitts as belongeth to our Principall Secretaries there. And wee doe by these presents appoint constitute and ordeine the said Nicholas Sewall and John Darnall to be our Principall Officers and Keepers of the Acts of us and proceedings of us and our Lievetenant and Councill there for the tyme being of and for the Entring and Recording of all grants by us or our heyres to be made of any lands or Offices within the said Province of Maryland. To have and to hold execute and enjoy the said Office of Principall Secretaries together with the priviledges and benefitts aforesaid to them the said Nicholas Sewall and John Darnall untill Wee or our heyres shall signifye our or their pleasure to the contrary and noe longer. Given under our hand and greate Seale of this our Province this fffifth day of ffeb<sup>ry</sup> in the Eighth year of our Dominion Annoq Dmi. 1682:

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on the back of w<sup>ch</sup> foregoeing Commission were written these following endorsement<sup>s</sup> viz:

Wee doe hereby Authorise and Impower and require you Coll Henry Darnall and Coll W<sup>m</sup> Digges two of our Councill to administer his Oath of Secretary or Secretaryes in our said Province to them the within named Nicholas Sewall and John Darnall. Given under our hand the day of the Date within written  
C: Baltemore

Mem<sup>rd</sup> The oath of Secretary was Administred to the within named Nicholas Sewall and John Darnall this fffifth day of ffeb<sup>ry</sup> Annoq Dmi 1682.  
Henry Darnall  
W<sup>m</sup> Digges

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At a Councill held at the City of S<sup>t</sup> Maries the Eight and Twentyeth Day of March Anno Dmi 1683:

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The R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Prop<sup>ry</sup> &  
the hon<sup>ble</sup> { Majo<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Sewall } haveing first taken the  
{ M<sup>r</sup> John Darnall } oath of Councello<sup>r</sup> were  
admitted & tooke their  
places at the board.

Present