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Att a Councill held at the Towne and port of Annapolis in Ann Arundell County the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> in the fourth year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lady Anne of England Scotland France and Ireland and the Dominions thereunto belonging Queen Defender of the ffaith &c. Annoq Dni 1706/7

Present in Councill

His Excellency John Seymour Esq<sup>r</sup> her Majesty Cap<sup>t</sup> General and Governour in Cheif in and over this her Majestys Province &<sup>ca</sup>

It having been represented to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> by the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Robert Keith and M<sup>r</sup> Alexander Adams Ministers in Somersett County that upon the Application of one M<sup>r</sup> George M<sup>c</sup>nishes a Dissenting teacher there to have a Certain Meeting house lately Erected very nigh to the Church at Rehobeth Registered as the Law Directs such houses to be that also the said M<sup>r</sup> Keith and M<sup>r</sup> Adams, had moved that County Court not to Suffer the same, for that it might be of Disturbance to the Church Established by Law there but to referr the whole Matter to his Excell<sup>cy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> and her Majestys hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill.

His Excellency now laying the Same before the board. It is thereupon Advised and ordered that there be no Meeting houses built within less than a Mile of any Established Church allready built And that an Account of what are, p. 66 already built be given to the County Court who are to transmit to his Excellency an Account thereof and that before any more be built his Ex<sup>cy</sup> be Acquainted therewith and where Scituate.

[Commissary's Commission.]

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Henricus pmissione Divinâ London. Epus Dcto nobis in Christo Henrico Hall Cler. Saltm in Dno. Cum nobis p munere quo fungimur Episcopali incumbat ut inter eos qui nræ curæ comittantur quantum in Nobis est Christiana Religio tuta conservetur, pravi mores corrigantur, et lites et querele quæ ad Forum Ecclesiasticum Spectant juxta Leges Regni Angliæ, Canones Ecclesie Anglicane et juris Exigentiam rite decidentur. Te Henricum Hall Cler p'dctum cujus Scientie et probitati plurimum confidimus Comissarium nrm. in et p totam provinciam de Maryland Nræ jurisdictionis in America Sitam Facimus et Constituimus per presentes; Et concedimus Tibi potestatem omnia & singula faciendi, que de jure vel consuetudine fieri possint aut debeant, Censuras Ecclesi-