

Liber C D William Groome, Tobias Norton, Peter Sharpe William Berry Edward Keene, John Tawney and Robert Tyler of our County of Calvert Gent Greeting Know ye that we for the Great Trust and confidence that we have in your fidelities, Circumspections, Providence & Wisdoms have Constituted Ordained & appointed & do by these p^rsents Constitute Ordain and appoint you the Said Thomas Brooke, Thomas Sprigg Charles Brooke, John Abbington, Richard Perry, ~~George Peake William Groome, Tobias Norton Peter Sharpe, William Berry Edward Keene, John Tawney & Robert Tyler~~ Gent Com.^{rs} Joyntly & Severally to Keep the peace in the County of Calvert in the Said Province and to keep and Cause to be Kept all Laws and orders made for the Good & Conservation of the Peace and for the Quiett Rule and Governm.^t of the people in all and Every the Articles of the Same and to Chastise and punish all psons offending against the form of any the Laws and Orders of this our Province or any of them in Calvert County af.^d as according to the form of the Said Laws and orders Shall be fitt to be done, We have also Constituted and Ordained you & Every four or more of you (of w.^{ch} you the Said Thomas Brooke, Thomas Sprigg Charles Brooke John Abbington, Richard Perry unless one of our Council be p^rsent) to be one to be Commissioners to Enquire by the Oaths of Good and Lawfull men of your County aforesaid of all manner of ffelonys Witchcrafts Enchantm.^{ts} Sorcerys majick Arts Trespasses forestallings, Ingrossings & Extortions whatsoever and of all and Singular misdeeds & offences of w.^{ch} Justices of the peace in England may or ought Lawfully to Enquire by whosoever or whensoever done and perpetrated or w.^{ch} hereafter Shall happen to be done and perpetrated in the County aforesaid against the Laws & Orders of this our Province Provided that you proceed not in any of the Cases afores.^d to take life or member, But that in Every Such Case you Send the prisoners w.th their Indictment and the whole matter depending before you to the next Provinciaall Court to be holden for this our Province whensoever or wheresoever to be holden there to be tryed, And further we do hereby Authorized you to issue writts process arrests and attachm.^{ts} to hold plea of, hear and determine, and according to the Laws orders & Reasonable & Customs within this our Province after Judgem.^t Execution to award in all Causes Civil whether in Actions Reall or psonall where the thing in acōn doth not Exceed the value of three thousand pounds of Tobacco in which Causes Civil So to be tryed We do Constitute ordain and appoint you Thomas Brooke, Thomas Sprigg, Charles Brooke John Abbington & Richard Perry to be Judges as aforesaid unless Some one of our Council be then in Court & therefore We Command you that you diligently intend the keeping of the peace Laws & Order and all Singular other the premisses & at Certain days appointed according to Act of Assembly in that Case Provided and Such places which you

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