

# COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

## TALBOT COUNTY

Liber BB No. 2 contains the court proceedings from April, 1662, onward. Apparently Clerk Thomas Vaughan put this liber in service about 1663 and entered the court minutes in it while he held office. His successor, Clerk William Hemsley, continued the record. He also transcribed into it the earlier court minutes kept by Clerk John Morgan in 1662 and 1663, which were probably in a much smaller book. These copied minutes of Morgan are so brief as to rouse the suspicion that Hemsley curtailed the record to make it fit the available space in his liber. Liber BB  
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The liber now contains 297 pages of court proceedings, 137 pages of segregated land records, and 12 pages of vital records. The land records are omitted from this publication. For the most part this material represents the clerkship of William Hemsley. The regular court minutes were continued by him from his accession until the court of March, 1674, and two minor record items were added by him in 1675. The land records were made in 1673, in his time, although not by his hand. The vital records were begun by him in 1669 and received additions up to the time of his close of service about 1681. After his service ended, the record was extended by his successors until 1691.

Caecilius Absolute Lord And Proprietary of th<sup>e</sup> Province of Maryland and Avalon Lord Barron of Baltemore &c; To Richard Woleman William Coursey Philemon Lloyd Thomas South Seth Foster Thomas Hynson Phi: Steeuenson James Ringold William Hambleton Jonathan Sibery Rich Gorsuch Edward Roe and John Welles Gen<sup>t</sup> Know Yee that wee for the greate trust and Confidence that we haue in yo<sup>r</sup> Fidelities Circomspections provedences and Wisdoms haue Constituted Ordaned and Apointed and by these presents doe Constitute Ordaine and Apointe you the Said Rich: Woleman William Coursey Philemon Lloyd Jho: South Thomas Hynson Seth Foster Philipe Steeuenson James Ringold William Hamblton Jona: Sibery Richard Gorsuch Edward Roe and John Wells Gen<sup>t</sup> Comiss<sup>c</sup> Joyntly and Seuerally to keepe the Peace in Talbot County in the said Province and to keepe And Cause to be kept all Laws & Orders made for the good & Conserva<sup>o</sup>n of the Peace and for the quiett Rule & Gouverm<sup>t</sup> of the people in all & Euery of the Articles of the same and to Chastise and Punnish all persons Offendinge againste the forme of Any the Laws and Orders of this Our Province Or Any of them in Talbot County afore said as According to th<sup>e</sup> forme of the said Laws and Orders shalbe fitt to be [p. 1] (\*)

\* This commission and accompanying documents are recorded by Clerk William Hemsley, who makes brief mention of the commission on page 158 of the liber record.