

Liber M M and difficult buisnesses of the Said Lord Proprietary was used & employed in And the Said Lord Proprietary reposeing especiall trust & confidence in the honesty faithfulness & integrety of him the Said Thomas on the first day of May in the 41th yeare of the Dominion of his Said Loꝛpp Annoꝝ Doñ 1673 by his Coñmission under the Lesser Seale of the Said Province did constitute & appoint the Said Thomas to be High-Sheriff of his Loꝛpps Said County of Dorchester & the Said Thomas was duly Sworne for the true & just execution of the Said Office & the Same day gave bond to the Said Lord Proprietary in the Sumē of two hundred thousand pounds of tobacco for the true & just execution thereof in all things that appurteined to the Said Office of Sheriff of the Said County of Dorchester according to the best of his Skill power & Knowledge By virtue of which Said Coñmission from his Said Loꝛpp to him the Said Thomas to be High Sheriff of the Said County of Dorchester & the Said Thomas being duly Sworne & giveing bond as aforesaid the Said Thomas the first day of May in the yeare aforesaid did begin to execute the Said Office of Sheriff of the Said County of Dorchester and in the Same Office by the Grace and favour of the Said Lord Proprietary to this day hath continued & hath duly executed all proces warrants & writts & hath done & performed all other matters to the Said Office of Sheriff appurteineing in the Said County of Dorchester honestly & faithfully & according to the best of his Skill power & Knowledge & according to his Oath in y<sup>t</sup> behalfe taken, & his bond to the Said Lord Proprietary given as aforesaid & also the Said Thomas by reason of his honest & faithfull dischargeing of the Said Office with his Excellency Charles Calvert Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Cheife Governour of this Province & also with all the Councillors & justices of the Said Lord Proprietary within this Province & also with all the great & eminent persons within this Province & with all other the Inhabitants of this Province whatsoever State or condition for the whole time aforesd as Such a true & faithfull man to the Said Lord Proprietary as is aforesaid from whatsoever crime of falsity deceit perjury extortion or bribery in the execution of his Said Office hath beene accepted & taken to be unspotted & untouched Yet the aforesaid George Parker not ignorant of the premisses & designing to take away the good name fame & reputacōn of him the Said Thomas as also to bring him within the danger of forfeiting his said bond of two hundred thousand pounds of tobacco So passed as aforesaid by him the said Thomas to the Said Lord Proprietary for the true & faithfull execution of the Office of Sheriff of the County of Dorchester aforesaid & also to bring him the said Thomas in the Opinion of the Said Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall Councillours & justices & all other the great & eminent Persons of this Province and with all other the Inhabitants of the Said Province to be a perjured person, a retarder of justice, a taker of Bribes, to delay