

Georges County in our Province of Maryland Gentleman Have Constituted ordained and appointed and by these presents doe Constitute ordaine and appoint you the said Thomas Greenfeild to be Sherriff of our said County of Prince George and to have Receive and enjoy all such lawfull priviledges and benefitts as any other Sherriff within our said Province now hath or ever lawfully had To have and to hold the said Office of Sherriff unto you the said Thomas Greenfeild during our Pleasure you the said Thomas Greenfeild having first taken the Oath appointed by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, as also the Oath of Sherriff, subscribing the Test and giving bond for the due execution of the said office of Sherriff according to Law; and we doe further order that the Dedimus Potestatem and Posse Comitatus to you directed be and remaine in full force and virtue during the continuance of this Commission Witness our trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq. Captain Generall and Governor in Cheif in and over our Province and Territory of Maryland the two and Twentieth Day of Aprill in the Eight year of our Raigne etc. Annoque Domini 1696:

Francis Nicholson

William the Third by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith etc. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye That we have Comitted to our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Greenfeild of Prince Georges County Gentleman our said County with the appurtenances to be by him kept during our Pleasure so as he render unto us as yearly our firm dues and answer unto us our just Rights and for all other things belonging to the Office of high Sherriff of our said County Witness our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq. our Captain Generall and Governor in Cheife in and ov[er] of our Province and Territory of Maryland the two and Twentieth day of Aprill in the Eight yeare of our Raighn etc. Annoque Domini 1696:

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[5] William the Third by the grace of God of England Scotland France a[nd] Ireland King Defender of the faith etc. To all Gentlemen Freemen and other persons of Prince Georges County Greeting Whereas We have Committed to our well beloved Thomas Greenfeild Gentleman our said County with the appurtenances to be by him kept during our Pleasure. We therefore Coman[d] you and every of you the Gentlemen Freemen and other the Inhabitants of o[ur] said County to be aiding and assisting to the said Thomas Greenfeild as high Sherriff of our said County in all things that to the Office of high Sheri[ff] of our said County doe appertaine Witness our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq. Captain Generall and Governor in Cheife in and over [our] Province and Territory of Maryland the two and Twentith day of Ap[rill] in the Eight yeare of our Raighn etc. Annoque Domini 1696:

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Maryland Ss:

To the Worshipfull the Justices of Prince George County:

Whereas an Act of Assembly made at the Port of Annapolis the Eight day of May last past Intituled an Act for the Devision and regulating severall Counties within this Province and Constituting a County by the name of Prince Georges