

Provisions made and used also of the Sheriff Bailiffs Constables and other Officers who have or shall hereafter misbehave themselves in the Execution of their Offices or have been Remiss or Negligent in the Execution thereof shall hereafter happen to be done within our County of Stafford and any the Articles Matters and Things whatsoever hereafter or by Whomsoever in our County of Stafford committed or shall hereafter happen to be done or committed concerning the Prerogatives or any of them and to inspect all such Matters to be fore you or any of you taken or to be taken before our Selfe Justice of the Peace within our said County had and taken and not yet determined and knowe thereof against all our persons or persons indicted or which shall hereafter happen to be indicted within our County of Stafford and continue until they shall be taken or Surrender themselves or be Outlawed and to hear and determine all and any the Felonies Petty Treasons Murders Rape upon White Women Wilfull burning of any Dwelling house or out house Contiguous to and used with any Dwelling house or any other Out house wherein there shall be any person or any Goods or Merchandises Tobacco Judicature or Trades and all other Capital Offences done perpetrated by any Negro or other Slave and likewise all Consulting advising and Conspiring of Negroes and other Slaves to Rebel or Raise any Insurrection or to murder or poison any person or to Ravish any White Woman or to attempt to burn any Dwelling house or Out house Contiguous therewith together with such other Felonies Rogueries Riots Judicatures and all other the Matters as according to the Laws Customs and Directions of the Act of a Parliament of Great Brittain as they provide and where they are silent according to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England used and Practised within the Province and the said Dwelling and any of them to be taken and punished by fines Ransoms Amerciaments forfeitures and otherwise according to the Laws Customs and Directions of the Act of a Parliament of Great Brittain as they provide and where they are silent according to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England used and Practised within the Province but we will not that you Proceed in any of the Cases aforesaid except of Negroes and other Slaves but that in every such Case you send the Prisoners with their Indictments and the whole Matters depending before you to our Justice of the Peace Next peace and Goal Delivery at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held for our said County of Stafford at Whomever or where soever to be holden there to be tried and We Command you and every of you diligently to inquire and keeping the peace Act of a Parliament of Great Brittain as they provide and where they are silent according to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England used and Practised within the Province and to hear and determine as aforesaid therein with the Justice of the Peace according to the Laws Customs and Directions of the Act of a Parliament of Great Brittain as they provide and where they are silent according to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England used and Practised within the Province and further we constitute Ordain and Appoint you the said Benjamin Tasker, Charles Hammond, Samuel Chamberlain, Phillip Thomas, Richard Lee, Richard Lee, President, Robert Jenkins, Henry, Daniel Delany, Stephen Wadly, John Pridout, James Handy, Langston Wheatly, Joseph Gillisp, Ephraim Wilfou, Samuel Adams, William Winder, Ephraim King, George Cole, John Thomas Jones or any three or more of you as aforesaid to take Writs Process to Arrest and Attachment and other full Actions Regule and full Actions Removall of What sort soever wherein the Demand doth not exceed the sum of One hundred pounds Sterling - the by thousand Pounds of Tobacco and all Actions Removall depending before you and after Judgment hereunto awarded in all such Cases and Actions as according to the Laws Customs and Directions of the Act of a Parliament of Great Brittain as they provide and where they are silent according to the Laws Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England used and Practised within the Province in which said Actions to be tried we constitute Ordain and Appoint you the said Benjamin Tasker, Charles Hammond, Samuel Chamberlain, Phillip Thomas, Richard Lee, President, Robert Jenkins, Henry, Daniel Delany, Stephen Wadly, John Pridout, James Handy, Langston Wheatly, Joseph Gillisp

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