

PRINCE GEORGES
COUNTY COURT RECORDS
1696—1699

[1] William the Third by the grace of God of England Scot[land] France and Ireland King defender of the Faith etc. To Thoma[s] Holliday, William Hutchison, William Barton, John White, Robert Bradley, William Tannyhill, David Small and Robe[rt] Tyler of Prince Georges County Gentlemen Greeting Know yee That wee for the great Trust and Confidence We have in you[r] fidelities Circumspections Prudences and Wisdoms Have C[onsti]tuted ordained and appointed and by these presents Doe [Consti]tute ordaine and appoint you the Said Thomas Holliday, William Hutchison, William Barton, John White, Robert [Bradley], William Tannyhill, David Small and Robert Tyler Commission[ers] joyntly and severally to keep the Peace in Prince Georges Coun[ty] and to keep and cause to be kept All Laws and orders¹ for the go[od] and Conservation of the Peace and for the quiet Rule and Governm[ent] of the People in all and every article of the same, and to Chastiz[e] and punish² offending against the forme of any of the Laws of [this] our Province or any of them in Prince Georges County aforesaid a[s] according to the form and orders of those Laws shall be fitt to [be] done: We have also Constituted and ordained you and every Four or more of you of which the said Thomas Holliday, William Hutchis[on], William Barton and John White or one of you are alwaies to [be] one of the³ Commissioners to enquire by the oaths of good and lawfull men of your County aforesaid of all and all manner [of] Felonies, witchcrafts, Inchantments, Sorceries, Magick Art, Trespas[ses], Forestallings, Ingrossings and Extortions whatsoever, and of [all] singular other misdeeds and offences (excepting matters related to Titles of Land) of which Justices of the Peace in England may or ought lawfully to enquire by whomsoever or when[soever] [2] done or perpetrated or which hereafter shall be done or perpetrated in the County aforesaid against the Laws and Orders of this our Province Provided that you proceed not in any the Cases aforesaid to take life or members, but that in every such Case you send the Prisoners with their Indictments and the whole matter depending before you to the next Provinciaall Court to be holden for This our Province wheresoever or whensoever to be holden there to be tryed. And further we doe authorize and impower you to issue out writts process and attachments to hold plea of Oyer and Terminer in all personall actions not exceeding the Summe of Ten Thousand pounds of Tobacco and after Judgment Execution to award in all Causes Civil whether Reall or personall according to the Laws orders and reasonable Customs made and provided in this our Province of Maryland. In which Causes Civil so to be tryed (excepting so as before excepted) We doe

¹ The word "made" has probably been omitted in copying.

² The words "all persons" have probably been omitted in copying.

³ For "of the" read "our".