

Constitute ordaine and appoint you the severall and respective persons to be Judges as aforesaid. And therefore We doe Command you that you dilligently attend the keeping of the Peace Laws and Orders and all and singular other the premisses and that¹ certain dayes appointed by an Act of Assembly of this Province in such Cases made and provided and at such place which you or any Foure or more of you as aforesaid shall in that behalfe you make inquiry upon the premisses and perform and fullfill the same in form aforesaid doing therein what to Justice appertaineth according to the Laws Orders and reasonable Customs of this our Province and therefore we Comand the Sherriff of our said County of Prince Georges County by virtue of these presents that at the place and on the dayes aforesaid you or any such Four or more of you as aforesaid shall make knowne unto him to give his attendance on you and (if need require) to Cause to come before you or any such Four or more of you as aforesaid such and so many [good] and lawfull men of your County by whom the Truth of the premisses may the better be known and enquired of. [3] And lastly We have appointed William Cooper of Prince Georges County Gentleman to be Clerk and Keeper of the Records in this your sa[id] County and therefore you shall Cause to be brought before you on [the] dayes and at the place aforesaid the Writts Precepts Process and Indictments to your said Court and Jurisdiction belonging that the same may be inspected and by a due Course of Law be determined as aforesaid Witness our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq. Captain Generall and Governor in Cheife in and over our Province an[d] Territory of Maryland the Two and Twentith day of Aprill in the Eight yeare of our Raighn etc. Annoque Domini 1696:

Francis Nicholson

William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland Fra[nce] and Ireland King Defender of the faith etc. To Thomas Holliday, William Hutchison and William Barton of Prince Georges County Gentlemen Greeting We doe hereby authorize and impower you the said Will[iam] Hutchison and William Barton or either of you to administer [the Oath] appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of All[e]giance and Supremacy as also the Oath of Justice of the Peace to the s[aid] Thomas Holliday, and you the said Thomas Holliday having taken the sa[id] Oaths are to administer the same unto the said William Hutchi[son] and William Barton and the rest of the Commissioners and Justices of you[r] Said County respectively as they are named in the within Commission, an[d] that you and every of you doe subscribe the Test For which this shall be your sufficient Authority hereof faile not and when you have so don[e] you are to Certify the same under your hands and seales unto us in the high Court of Chancery Witness our Trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq. our Captain-Generall and Governor in Cheife in and over our P[ro]vince and Territory of Maryland the Two and Twentith day of April[1] the Eight yeare of our Raighn etc. Annoque Domini 1696:

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[4] William the Third by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith etc. To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye That we reposing spetial Trust and confidence in the honesty Circumspection and prudence of Thomas Greenfeild of Prince

¹ Read "at" for "that."