

Sumers Court  
An account of his Lordship the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Frederick Absolute Lord and  
Proprietor of the Province of Maryland and Avalon held at Queen Anne Town  
in and for the County of the third Tuesday of November being the sevenenth day of the same month Anno  
Domini thousand seven hundred and sixty One by his said Lordships Justice the peace in the said County  
to keep assigned of whom were present

The Worshipfull  
Jane Hardy  
Joseph Gillisp  
John Adams  
This Lordships  
Justices

Whereupon the Court being called set as above and proceeded to the said fine manner of the  
This Lordships Commission of the Peace being directed herein Court was Openly Read  
Frederick Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province of Maryland and Avalon  
of Baltimore Do to Benjamin Laker, Charles Hammond, Samuel Chamberlain, Phillip Thomas  
Edward Lloyd, Richard Lee, Benedict Calvert, Robert Jenkins, Henry, Daniel Dulany, Stephen Hardy and John  
Richard Lee, James Hardy, Sampson Wheatly, Joseph Gillisp, Ephraim Wilfer, Samuel Adams, William White  
Ephraim Wilfer, George Gale and Thomas Jones of the County of Queen Anne. Giving thereby that we  
have assigned you and every of you jointly and severally our Justice to keep our peace within our County of  
Sumers and to do equal Law and Right to all the Kings Subjects Rich and Poor According to the Law  
Customs and Directions of the Act of Assembly of this Province in so far forth as they provide and when they are  
Silent According to the Laws Customs and Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England as used and practiced  
within this Province for the Conservation of the peace and Quiet Rule and Government of the Kings  
Subjects within our said County and to Arrest and Punish all or any Person or Persons offending against the  
said Act Laws Statutes and Customs or any of them According to the Directions thereof and to call before you or any  
of you all those who in our County of shall threaten to do any bodily Harm to any of the Kings Subjects or to  
burn their houses or otherwise break our peace and disturb themselves to find sufficient Security of the  
peace and good behaviour to us and the said Subjects and if they shall Refuse to find such Security then  
you Cause them to be committed into safe Custody until they shall be delivered by due Course of Law from their  
Off we have assigned you and every of you as before said in full power to you the said Benjamin Laker  
Charles Hammond Samuel Chamberlain Phillip Thomas Edward Lloyd Richard Lee Benedict Calvert  
Robert Jenkins Henry Daniel Dulany Stephen Hardy John Richard Lee James Hardy, Sampson Wheatly, Joseph  
Gillisp Ephraim Wilfer and Samuel Adams or any of you always to leave our Justice to Inquire by the Oath  
of good and Lawfull Men of the County of by whom the truth of the Offences may be better known  
of all and all manner of felonies Betwixt Men or Murder Rape upon White Women Wife Stealing  
of any Dwelling house or any other Contumacious and Word with any Dwelling House or any other Offence  
wherain there shall be any Person or any Goods or Merchandises whose Justice or other Offence  
Capital Offences done or perpetrated by any Negro or other Slave and likewise all Consulting Advancing and  
Conspiring of Negroes and other Slaves to Rebel or Arise any Inconjunction or to Murder or Poison any person  
or to Perish any White Woman or to Attempt to burn any Dwelling house or other Contumacious  
and therein with and of all Injuries Injuries Injuries Injuries and Injuries which may be done or  
the Offences and Offences which shall be done or committed or which may hereafter happen to be done  
by whomsoever or howsoever in our County of done or committed or which may hereafter happen to be done or  
committed and also of all those who in our County of in Peevish manner have given or shall hereafter  
Presume to give or Ride with armed force against our Peace to the disturbance of the Kings Subjects and of all  
such who in our County of have Laid or shall hereafter Presume to Laid or Ride with armed force against the  
Kings Subjects and also of all Ordinary Leagues and other persons who have Offended or hereafter shall  
Commit