

the Records of Maryland

John: West of Somerset County yeoman know ye that for the Special trust
 Confidence, that I do repose, in our knowledge fidelity and Circumspection
 that Thomas Cuthbert appointed one of our Justices or ordinary Justices and
 appoints you the said John: West to be Clerk and Esquire of the Records of Somerset
 County. hereby willing & requiring y^e to ask demand receive, and take into y^e custody
 all Records, Transcripts precepts papers & Rollmoulds what so ever unto the said County
 Court belonging or in any wise appertaining, and the same to store & preserve to
 the best of your power. And further I do hereby authorize and empower you to do
 see and perform the aforesaid Office of Clerk & Esquire of the Records of y^e said County
 as fully and amply as any Clerk of a County Court of the Province may or ought
 to do saving & reserving to my self the full whole part of all & singular the profits
 and perquisites of Right to the said place & Office belonging or anywise appertaining
 or accruing. And the other mine parts thereof, to have, hold, enjoy & take to your
 self your own: proper use & behoof. So long as you shall continue in the said
 Office. Given at S^t Maries this present October y^e 22th Anno Dom. 1692

Maryland & Mary: b

Thomas: Laurens. Esq: sealed

After the Omission was read the said West was sworn Clerk of the Court

And now all men of the said County that were John: West. Stephen: Horsey & William
 Coulbourn: of Somerset County Justices are holden & firmly bounden unto S^r: Thomas
 Laurens. Barr: Secretary of the Province of Maryland in the full & just sum of
 fifty thousand pounds of good sound Merchants gold to be due in Cash to the said
 well & truly to be made, w^{ch}: sum our blood story Out of us, Our Heirs Executors
 Assigns and Assignes by the said Justices sealed with our seals & dates this twenty third
 day of December in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord & Lady W^m: &
 Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen Defender
 of the faith &c. in the year of our Lord. 1692.