

11th of March. That Bernard Ward. do give the within mentioned One and all her female heirs to our
James Davis and to his heirs for ever as it is expressed in my hand this 31st of March anno Domini 1574
In witness whereof I have signed this with a mark for I do give Davis at request of
the said Bernard Ward.

WILLIAM & MARY by the grace of God of England Scotland France & Ireland King & Queen. Letters under of
the Great Seal of Great Britain. Sheweth that we have by Letters under the Great Seal of Great Britain
Matthew Scarbrough, John Bosman, George Layfield, Thomas Howard, Samuel Hopkins, James Rouse,
Edmund Howard, Thomas Goud, John King, Stephen Halsey & Arnold Grey of Somerset County Justices
Presiding. Know ye that we for a great trust & confidence we have in your fidelity, integrity, wisdom
prudence and wisdoms have constituted ordained and appointed you by these presents Constituted
ordained and appointed you the said Francis Gournib John Under, William Whittington James
Dartmouth, Roger Woolford, Thomas Dixon, Matthew Scarbrough, John Bosman, George Layfield, Thomas
Howard, Samuel Hopkins, James Rouse, Edmund Howard, Thomas Goud, John King, Stephen Halsey
and Arnold Grey Commissioners jointly & severally to keep the Peace in Somerset County and to keep &
cause to be kept all laws and Orders for the good and conservation of the Peace and for the quiet rule &
governement of the People in all and every the Duties of the same, and to chastise and punish all
persons offending against the form of any of the laws & Orders of this our Province or any of them
in Somerset County after according to the form of the said Laws & Orders shall be felt to be done, And
have also constituted & ordained you or any four or more of you of which you the said Francis Gournib
John Under, William Whittington, James Dartmouth, Roger Woolford, Thomas Dixon, Matthew Scarbrough,
John Bosman & George Layfield, or one of you are always to be one of your Commissioners to enquire by
the Oath of good and lawful Men of your County after, of all manner of felonies, with crafts
furtivements, Sorceries, Magic art, Treasons, forestallings, Ingressings & Ejections whatsoever
and of all and singular other misdoings & Offences, Excepting matters relating to Titles of Lands
in which Justices of the Peace of England may or ought lawfully to enquire, & whether for or wherefor
done or perpetrated, or which hereafter shall happen to be done or perpetrated in the County aforesaid
against the Laws and Orders of this our Province, Provided that you proceed not in any of the Cases
aforesaid to take life or member, but that in every such Case, you send the Prisoners with their indictments
& the whole matters depending before you to the next Circuit Court to be holden for this Province
wherefor or wherefor holden, there to be tried, and further we do hereby authorize you to issue
out Writs precept or arrests & Attachments to the plea of Exce and Corimur, in all causes not
exceeding the sum of ten thousand pounds of lawres, and after judgment execution to be done in
all Causes Civil, whether in causes real or personall, according to the Laws Orders & reasonable Justices
made and used in this our Province of Maryland, in which Causes Civil so to be tried Excepting as
before said in the said Letters under the Great Seal of Great Britain.