

Imperial, Oct: 15th 1803

The State of Maryland, to the Hon^{ble}. J^{no} Machall Esq^r, Chief Justice of the first district of the State of Maryland, and to Tho^s Bontee and Rinaldo Johnson Esquires, Associate Justices of Prince Georges County greeting.

Whereas it is represented to me that Caspar and Lewis and Benedict Atty of the said County are now confined in jail upon charges of a criminal nature who cannot be tried until the ensuing Court of the said County without a special Commission. Know ye that I have appointed and commissioned, and do hereby appoint and commission you, the said J^{no} Machall Esq^r, Tho^s Bontee and Rinaldo Johnson jointly, or you the said John Machall Esq^r separately, or any two or more of you, to hear and determine as well the crimes aforesaid, as all other crimes, offences and misdemeanors whatever, that have arisen or may arise in Prince Georges County, and to deliver the jail of the said County from all persons confined therein charged with any crime, offence or misdemeanor, and therefore agreeably to the powers invested in me by Law, I command you, as aforesaid, that on Monday the eleventh of November next, you and each of you either jointly or separately or any two or more of you as aforesaid take care to meet at the Court House in Upper Marlborough in the said County of Prince Georges to deliver the said Jail of the Prisoners aforesaid, as well as all others as aforesaid doing thereby what to justice appertains according to the Laws of this State adjourning the said Court from Day to Day as may be judged necessary. And thereby command the Sheriff of the said County, that on the said day or any other day that you may adjourn to, he cause to come before you, as well the said Prisoners and their Attachments, as all other Prisoners that may be confined in the said Jail charged with any crime, offence or misdemeanor, and their attachments. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to be affixed to these Presents. Witness, the Hon^{ble}. Alexander Contee Hanson Chancellor this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five

Robert Bowie