

set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the
State of Maryland be affixed this twenty fourth
day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and Seventeen. Witness the
Honorable William Hilly Esquire
Ridgely of Hampton W. Hilly Chancellor

Sheweth the State of Maryland to the Honorable John
Buchanan Chief Judge of the second Judicial
District and Abraham Shriver and Thomas Buchanan
Esquires associate Judges of the same. To wit: Whereas it has
been represented to me that several persons are now
confined in the Jail of Washington County charged with
felony who cannot be tried until the ensuing Court
without a special Commission for that purpose. And
know ye that I have appointed and commissioned
and by these presents do appoint and commission
you the said John Buchanan, Abraham Shriver
and Thomas Buchanan Esquires jointly or any
one or more of you to hear and determine all crimes
offences or misdemeanors and to deliver the Jail of the
said County of Washington from all persons
therein confined for any crime offence or
misdemeanor and I do command you that on the
you or any one or more of you attend
at Rogers Town in the said County of Washington
to deliver the said Jail as well of the persons aforesaid