

this ensuing year have constituted and appointed
 and by their presents constitute Ordains & appoint you
 Sheriff of y^e County, to have full privilege and
 authority as any other Sheriffs within this our province
 of Maryland now hath or any other Sheriffs of your
 County ever have had hold or enjoyed or of Right ought
 to have had hold or enjoyed to have & to hold the said
 office or Employment for our whole years to be com-
 puted from y^e first day of Aprile next ensuing and
 after till another Sheriffs by yo^r County Court to be
 presented shall be lawfully by Patent constituted Provided
 that he the said John Lawson doo in open Court in his
 said County take y^e oath of Sheriffs herunto annexed
 with security for y^e well discharge of his Office
 trust according to y^e Act of Assembly in y^e case provided
 Given att St. Marys under our Letter Seals of our said
 province of Maryland y^e 23th day of Marce in y^e 34th
 years of our Dominion over our Province of Maryland
 Annoq^{ue} Dom 1664 Witness our dear Sonne heire &c
 Charles Calvert Esq^r our Lord Generall of our
 Province of Maryland

These are to will & require you that by y^e 20th day
 of July next you cause a list to be taken of all the
 inhabable witzen in yo^r County & that in y^e list the
 name & surname of each inhabable person & of how long
 hee abode be distinctly sett downe & a Copy thereof
 faire written & sent immediately downe to y^e Governour
 & Counciler & another Copy of y^e list lett up in y^e
 Court house att yo^r next County Court to remaine there for
 y^e whole year to y^e end of y^e any errors be therein
 the y^e may be corrected & y^e same certified to y^e Governour
 & Counciler before y^e first day of Septemb^r next here-
 saies not as you will answer y^e contrary And for
 soe doing this shall be yo^r warrant Given under
 my hand this 1st of Aprile 1665

I John Lawson Esq^r
 Sheriff of St. Marys
 County