

Commission of the Peace for
Dorchester County

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Cecilius Abbotte Lord and Proprietary of the Province
of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore
to Raymond Suptford John Pollard ^{of Little Choptank} William Stevens ^{of the River} Henry
Tipp Anthony Selwyn and Henry Hooper Gent
Greeting Know ye that we for the great trust and confidence
that we have in your Subtilties Circumprations prudences &
Wisdoms have constituted Ordained and Appointed and do
by these presents constitute Ordain and Appoint you the
said Raymond Suptford John Pollard William Stevens
Stephen Guy William Stevens Henry Tipp Anthony Selwyn
and Henry Hooper Gent Commissioners jointly and severally
to keep the peace in Dorchester County and to keep and cause
to be kept all Laws and Ordinances made for the good and
Conservation of the peace and for the quiet Rule and you
of the people in all and every the Articles of the same and to
Chastise and punish all persons Offending against the Form
of any the Laws and Orders of our said Province of Maryland
or any of them in Dorchester County aforesaid as according
to the form of these Laws and Orders shall be fit to be done
We have also constituted and Ordained you and every four or
more of you of which you the said Raymond Suptford
John Pollard or William Stevens of Little Choptank and if
some one of our Council be present are also to be our Commis-
sioners to enquire by the Oath of Good and Lawful men of your
County aforesaid of all manners of felonies witchcrafts In-
chantments Sorceries Magicke the Suppressing of all long
engrossings and extortions whatsoever and of all and sin-
gular other misdemeanors and Offences of which Justices of the