

Lionel Copley Esq^r Captain Generall and Governour in chief
 and over this their Majestys Province and Territory of Mary
 land to Joshua Barkstead of Somerset County Gent^l greeting
 Out of the especial Trust and confidence I have in your discretion
 fidelity and circumspection as well as your skill and Judgment
 in the Art of Surveying I have ordained constituted and
 appointed and by these Presents do ordain constitute and appoint
 you the said Joshua Barkstead to be Surveyor of Somerset County af-
 foreshaid to the utmost bounds Limits and Extents thereof hereby autho-
 rizing and Impowring you to survey or resurvey for any Person
 or Persons any Tract or Parcell of Land or Lands in the said
 County according to such warrants orders and precepts Instruc-
 tions and directions as shall from time to time and at all times
 hereafter be directed to you from me, from the Council Board the
 Surveyor Generall of this Province or other officer to be hereafter
 thereunto lawfully authorised and appointed, and in all things
 you are to act do and perform as to the Place and Office of Surveyor
 belongeth, or as any Surveyor of a County may or of right ought
 to do provided that in any new or fresh Survey or Resurvey here-
 after to be by you made you intrench not upon nor run within
 the Lines of any former or more ancient survey or Land reserved
 for the Lord Baltimores use nor direct your courses contrary to
 his Lordships late conditions of Plantation of this Province, but
 in all things duly and regularly proceed as hath been the Custom
 and Practice of former Surveyors, according to the rules and
 Instructions to you given and prescribed to have and to hold
 the said Place and Office of Surveyor of Somerset County aforesaid
 to the said Joshua Barkstead for and during Pleasure. Given
 under my hand and Seal this 14th day of October in the fourth year
 of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady King William and
 Queen Mary &c Anno Dom 1692

L. Copley

Mr Robt Mason and Mr Henry Denton according to a for-