

not give him that Character: he having well and faithfully  
believed himself to the Government and their Majestys Inte-  
rest, he humbly prays your Honour will confer on him the  
place and Office of Ranger of the County aforesaid upon such  
conditions and terms as the same is or hath been granted to  
others

And shall pray &c

The Petitioner giving Bond with good Security for his good Be-  
haviour and faithfull management of the said Office and by  
producing to the next Magistrate every Cattle Horse &c he shall  
take up by Virtue thereof for his cognizance to mark and record  
the Petition is granted and commission issued accordingly

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Lionel Copley Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain General and  
chief Governor in and over this their Majestys  
Province and Territory of Maryland to Edw James  
of Kent County Greeting

All of the especial Trust and confidence I have in your Loy-  
alty integrity and circumspection I have ordained constituted &  
appointed and by these Presents do ordain constitute and ap-  
point you the said Edward James to be ranger of and in Kent  
County aforesaid for the taking up of all such wild Cattle horses  
and hogs as by Act of Assembly of this Province are adjudg<sup>d</sup>  
and allowed to be Strays belonging to and the just right of  
their Majestys or the Lord of the Soil, or their Majestys Govern-  
or other Person legally qualified to receive the same, which you  
are hereby authorised and empowred to hunt for and take up in  
any part of the Forrest within the said County not offering or  
presuming to do any Violence injury or damage to any of  
the Inhabitants in their Stocks under pretence hereof, and Re-  
serving to yourself one third Part of the full Perquisitts and  
Profitts hereby accruing and to be accountable to me for the  
Remainder thereof by Rendering a true and just acco<sup>t</sup> of every  
Particular Beast or Hog you shall by Virtue hereof legally take  
up as a<sup>f</sup> & carrying before the next Magistrate every horse you shall also take up  
and marking with the Mark  $\text{L}$  branded on the Buttock every first & second Horse you shall