

Virginia

By the honorable Robert Dinwiddie Esquire <sup>Majesty's Lieutenant</sup>  
Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia

Whereas it hath been represented unto me by his Majesty's Attorney General that it would be highly  
serviceable for his Majesty and for the Benefit of this Colony that all former Acts of Assembly heretofore and all  
other Statutes of the Nation of Great Britain extending hereunto should be put in Execution and duly  
prosecuted against Offenders therein and he having intimated unto me that through the Default of an  
Appointment of proper Persons for the Execution and due Prosecution of the same, Composition has  
been often made with the Delinquents for his Majesty, the said Delinquent and his Majesty defrauded of his just  
Share of the Taxes Forfeitures and Amerciaments in the several and respective County Courts of this Colony  
where he cannot possibly attend. For the future Prosecution and speedy recovery I do hereby authorize and  
Impower you Henry Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> for and in his Majesty's Behalf to appear and likewise judge his Majesty's  
said Attorney General shall occasionally attend to prosecute all Offenders against the Laws of Great Britain  
that are in Execution Acts of Assembly of this Colony and all other Matters and things relating to the Crown the  
Dignity of his Majesty or against the Peace as shall appear to or arise within his Majesty's Jurisdiction  
of the County Court of Charles William which Court I am by his Majesty's Attorney General informed you  
attend. And I do hereby likewise require and Command you to take Care that the Clerk of the said Court  
return the Judgments and all Taxes and Amerciaments which shall be obtained in the said Court for  
the Use and Benefit of his Majesty into the Secretary's Office that his Majesty's Treasures may by virtue  
thereof grow & Pass for the due Laying of the same and likewise to give Notice unto his said Majesty's  
Attorney General of any Appeals obtained upon any such Prosecution that he may be prepared to defend  
the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony at Williamsburgh the  
Twenty second Day of April in the 1733<sup>rd</sup> Year of the Reign of his Majesty  
King George the second

Robt. Dinwiddie