

**Court, DE, Sussex, Kent, New Castle, Commission of the Peace 1774**

Commission of the peace for Sussex County October 24th 1774

George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King defender of the faith and so forth to:

**JAMES HAMILTON  
JOSEPH TURNER  
WILLIAM LOGAN  
RICHARD PETERS**

**BENJAMIN CHEW  
THOMAS CADWALADER  
RICHARD PENN  
JAMES TILGHMAN**

**ANDREW ALLIN [ALLEN]  
EDWARD SHIPPEN JR.**

Esquires, members of the proprietary and Governor's Council.

And to:

**BENJAMIN BURTON  
JACOB KOLLOCK  
WRIXAM LEWIS  
GILBELCHER PARKER  
LEVIN CRAPPER  
THOMAS ROBINSON  
WILLIAM CONWELL**

**JOHN RODNEY  
ANDERSON PARKER  
PARKER ROBINSON  
BOAZ MANLOVE  
JOHN WILBANKS  
DANIEL NUNEZ  
NEHEMIAH DAVIS**

**JOHN DAGWORTHY  
WILLIAM HOLLAND  
WILLIAM ALLIGOOD  
WILLIAM POLK  
JONATHAN BELLE**

of the county of Sussex within our government of the counties of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex on Delaware Esquires greeting.

Reposing special trust and confidence in your loyalty, integrity, and ability.

KNOW YE that we have assigned you jointly and severally our justices our peace in the county aforesaid to keep and all laws and statutes made for the good of our peace and for the conservation of the same to keep and cause to be kept and to chastise and punish all persons offending against the laws and statutes within the said County of Sussex as the law shall direct.

WE HAVE ALSO assigned you, or any three or more of you, justices to inquire by the oaths or affirmations of good and lawful men of the said County of Sussex by whom the truth of the matter may be better known of all and all manner of felonies and other misdeeds and offenses whatsoever of which justices of oyer and terminer and general goal delivery or justices of the peace according to the laws of Great Britain and of our said counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex upon Delaware may or ought to inquire and to inspect all indictments before you or any of you taken or to be taken before others late justices of the peace for the said counties of Sussex and not as yet determined to make and continue the process thereupon and to hear and determine according to law all crimes and offenses whatsoever properly determinable before you and to chastise and punish all persons offending in the premises by fines, forfeitures or otherwise as the law does or shall direct and therefore you are hereby strictly commanded that you diligently attend the keeping of the peace and laws and statutes and all and singular the premises and at certain days and times and places which by the constitution of our said counties are acquainted you make inquiry upon the premises and hear and determine perform and fulfill the same doing there in that which to justice according to law shall appertain and we have also assigned you to said:

**JAMES HAMILTON  
JOSEPH TURNER  
WILLIAM LOGAN**

**RICHARD PETERS  
BENJAMIN SHOE  
THOMAS CADWALADER**

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justices of the County Court of Common Pleas for the said County of Sussex requiring and commanding you or any three or more of you to hold pleas assize scire facias repleavens and to hear and determine all and all manner of please actions suits and causes civil, personal, real and mixed now depending where we shall hereafter be commenced in the said Court according to law and also to hold special courts for the more speedy determination of causes of such defendants as are about to depart the said counties pursuant to the said constitution.

And also we constitute and appoint and full power and authority grant unto any one or more of you the said justices who have been qualified by taking the oath distinctly and separately from such of your number as by the law of our said counties are only qualified by affirmation to determine, administer as well in the said courts while setting out of the same all and every such oath and Oates as jumpy found necessary for doing of justice.

In testimony whereof we have caused the great seal of our said counties to be here unto affixed.

Witness

John Penn Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the County's aforesaid of the province of Pennsylvania at Newcastle the 21st day of October in the year of Our Lord 1774 and in the fourteenth year of our reign.

**JOHN PENN**

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