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by the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant Generall shall be a Justice of peace within the said hundred dureing such time as he is Commander with all power and authority to a Justice of Peace belonging by the laws of this Province and the said Commander shall appoint some one to be Clerk or Register for the Recording of all matters perteing to that office and the said Commander and Register for the time being shall be a Court of Record and shall be called the hundred Court of Kent

And all matters and causes whatsoever civill or Criminall (except wherein the said Commander is a partie) happening or arising by or between any inhabitants of the said Island or wherein any Inhabitant of the said Island is deft and detirminable in the County Court shall or may be heard and determined by and before the said Commander in the said hundred Court and the said Court shall have power to use and exercise all the same and the like powers and Jurisdictions and and to issue and award all processe necessary for the bringing of any cause to a triall and excuting of Judgment therein as may be used and exercised issued or awarded by or out of the County Court

And the said Processe or writts shall issue in the name of of the Lord Proprietarie with the test of the Commander and shall be signed by the said Commander or Register and shall or may be directed to the parties themselves or to the high  
p. 24 Constable of that hundred from time to time to Be appointed by the Lord Proprietary or his Lieutenant Generall or the said Commander or otherwise to any other person where the said high Constable is a partie And the same or the like formes of proceeding shall be used and observed in this Court as is or may be used and observed in the County Court of St: Maries by the laws of the province as neer as the said Commander and Register shall be able to Judge and all questions of law shall be decided by the said Commander (with advice of the Register) and all Issues of fact shall be tried by the Commander (if both parties Consent) or otherwise by any Seven or more freemen Inhabitants within the Island to be returned by the said high Constable and such Judgements Shall be given in all causes in this Court as are most agreeable to the laws of the Province or otherwise to the Judgments usually given in the same or the like causes in the County Court as neer as the said Commander with advice of the Register shall be able to determine

Add if any partie afore or after Sentence given shall appeal from the said Court and shall put in caution to pursue his said appeal at the next County Court or Court of Admiraltie (after notice thereof given unto him) and to pay treble damages to the defendant in the said appeal in case the Sentence given in