

William Markham Lieve<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Province  
of Pennsylvania and Counties annexed.

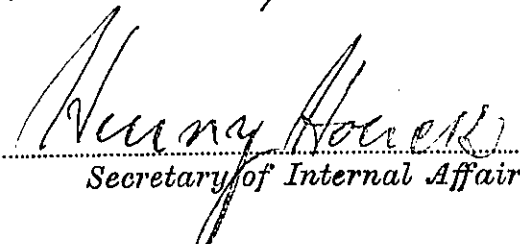
Whereas the Proprietarys Commiss<sup>rs</sup> have applyed them-  
selves to me with complaint of great destruction of wood and tim-  
ber that has been made upon the Proprietarys land in and  
about the Town of Philadelphia and have requested me that I  
would countenance the Proprietors officers in the execution of  
their offices and preservation of the Proprietors just int<sup>er</sup>est and  
espeacially to grant unto Evan Oliver a warrant of ~~the~~ assistance for  
all Justices of the Peace Constables &c to be aiding and assisting  
if need be to the said Evan Oliver in the Seising all such wood and  
timber as shall be found cutt upon the Proprietors land without  
leave.

I doe therefore by virtue of the authority derived unto me  
from his Excellency Benjamin Fletcher our Chief Govern<sup>r</sup> &c.  
will and require you and every of you to be aiding & assisting unto  
the above mentioned Evan Oliver (or others who shall be appointed  
by the said Commiss<sup>rs</sup> for the Proprietors service) in the seising  
all such wood and timber as aforesaid for the use aforesaid and  
the said Evan Oliver & others who shall be appointed as aforesaid  
are hereby authorized and impowered to seise the same for the use a-  
foresaid, and all Carters whatsoever are hereby charged and required not  
to Cart any wood or timber from off the Proprietors land without leave  
first had from the Proprietary Commissioners as they will answer the  
contrary at their perill. Given under my hand & seal the tenth day of  
January in the fifth year of the Reigne of William & Mary of England &c  
King & Queen Anno g<sup>o</sup> Dom. 169<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

To all Justices of the Peace Constables & other their Majes-  
ties Loving Subjects in Philadelphia.

  
W<sup>m</sup> Markham

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in  
the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made  
conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of  
February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused  
the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg,  
this eleventh day of January 1900

  
Secretary of Internal Affairs.