

Decemb^r 29th This day came Walter Beane & Walter Peakes afore the Gou^r & requested to be admitted ioyntly as admīstrato^{rs} of the estate of Will^m Smithfeild late deceased, being equally the greatest Cred^{ts} to the s^d estate; the s^d Smithfeild dying intestate, & not hauing any kindred in the prouince, who by priority of right ought to be admitted thereunto. Liber A.

Ordered by the Gou^r (th^t though there is noe p^{nt} power in the prouince to grant Lrēs of A^mīstraōn) That the s^d Walter Beane & Walter Peaks shall ioyntly receaue & collect the estate of the s^d Smithfeild, w^{ch} otherwise will fall to ruine, & come to nothing: & cause it to be apprayed by the oathes of Rich: Neuett, Jn^o Shittcliffe, & Jn^o Grimsditch & bring into the Registers Office, a true & p^rfect Inuentory wth the appraysem^t thereof of the s^d estate, wthin 22 dayes, if longer time upon iust cause shall not be graunted them. And a iust true & faythfull acc^t thereof, whensoeu^r they shall bee thereunto called, by the Judge of Testamentary Cawses wthin this prouince

Copie Eod to Walter Beane & Peakes.

Walter Beane & Walter Peaks sworne by the Gou^r to the Tenure of the Order

Commisⁿ to M^r Bretton to sweare the p^ties afores^d for the appraysm^t of the aboues^d Smithfeilds Estate. & to signe warr^t for the Impanelling of a Jury to inquire of the s^d Smithfeilds death.

Rich: Neuett, Jn^o Shirtcliffe & Jn^o Grimsditch sworne accord-
ing to the Tenure of the Commisⁿ

warr^t to M^r Will^m Tompson, to impanell a Jury of 12 ffree-
men to make enquirs of the death of W^m Smithfeild, lately
drowned upon the ice in Brettons Bay, whensoeu^r hee shall
bee thereunto called by Walter Beane or Walter Peaks. &
to make a true returne of the Verdict into the Registers Office,
wth all possible conueniences.

Know all men by these p^{nts} th^t wee Walter Beane & Walter Pakes doe hereby firmly bind o^rselues, both ioyntly & seuerally o^r heyres & assignes to pay or cause to be p^d unto the L^d Cecill Baltemore Prop^r of this pro: his heyres or assignes, the full summe or quan^{ty} of Three Thowsand pownd weight of good merch^{ble} leafe Tob. & cask. p. 227

The Condiōn of this Obligaōn is such th^t if the wthin bownd Walter Beane & Walter Peakes shall giue a iust, true & faythfull acc^t of the estate of Will^m Smithfeild deceased. whensoeu^r they shall bee thereunto called by the Judge of Testamentary Causes of this pro: th^t then this p^{nt} obligaōn to be uoyd or ells to stand in full force & uertue, wittnes o^r hands this 29 Decemb^r 1648.

Signed

Recogniz Corā Gou^r

Walter Beane.
Walter Peakes.