

altogether unknown unto us and not yet discovered by any since the beginnige of the Colonie, by the search and true discoverie whereof the bounds and limmitts of this plantation may be farr augmented, and such other Comodities found out, as may be for the benefitt and good of the people inhabiting in the same. Now Know you that I the said Sir George Yeardley at the earnest suite and requeste of my welbeloved friend William Claybourne Esq<sup>re</sup> Secretarie of State intending this Springe to imploy himself with a sufficient Companie of men in a shallope for discoverie of the Bottome of the Bay of Chesepeck greatly favoringe and affecting the preservation and happie success of soe good an accōn, doe by these presents give full power and authority unto him the said William Claybourne to goe and make his voyadge and saile into any the rivers Creekes ports and havens within the said Bay of Chesepeiacke or into any other part or parts of this Colonie and there to trade and truck with the Indians for furrs skinnns corne or any other comodities of what nature or qualitie soever they be and for the better mannadging and good orderinge of all matters and occurrences in his said voyadge I do hereby give full power and authority unto the said William Claybourne to governe, correct and punnish such of his his said company as shall offend or be delinquent in anything, according to the laws and customes of the Sea (life only excepted) and this commission shall continew in force for and during the tyme of his said voiadge and retourne from the same. Given at Iames Citty under my hand and seale of the Colonie the 27<sup>th</sup> day of Aprill. 1627.

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Papers.

George Yeardley

By the Governour and Captaine generall of Virginia.

To all to whom these presents shall come I Iohn Pott Esq<sup>re</sup> Governour and Captaine Generall of Virginia send greeting in our Lord god everlasting. Whereas there remaine dyvers places and partes of this Kingdome of Virginia not yett discovered since the beginning of this Colony, by the search and discovery whereof the bounds and limitte of this plantation may be far augmented and such other commodities found out as may be for the benefitt and good of the people inhabiting in the same. Now know yee that I the said Iohn Pott out of the good opinion I conceive of the sufficiency and experience of William Clayborne Esq<sup>re</sup> who intendeth this Sommer to employ himself with a sufficient Company of men a shipp and other necessary provisions requisite for such a voyage to discover the parts and territories of this Colony situate and lying to the Southwards of this place as also of some particular places