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to the Northward and in the Bay of Chesepeiacke and greatly favouring the prosecution of such enterprises tendeth so much to the enlargement and welfare of this Colony doe by these presents give full power and authority unto him the said William Clayborne to goe and make his voyage and saile into any the Ryvers Creekes portes and havens within the said Bay of Chesepeiacke or into any other part or parts of this Country within the degrees of 34 and 41 and there to trade and trucke with the Indians for fures skins Corne or any other Commodities of what nature or quality soever they bee. Willing and requiring him the said William Clayborne with all diligence and circumspection to be carefull in the guard of himselfe and Company against the treacherous plotts of the Salvages that soe such as bee our enemies may be prevented in any evil which they shall imagine or practize and such of them as remaine and bee in termes of amytie and friendship receive noe just cause of distast or wrong And for the better manadging and execution of all matters and occurrences and repressing of all disorders and mutines incident and happening in his said voyage I doe hereby give and grant unto the said William Clayborne full power and authority to Govern correct and punishe such of his said Company as shall in any wise bee delinquent or obstinate to his authority and Command according to the Lawes and customes of the Seas, and as hee in his best discretion shall think fitt life only excepted. By these presents willing and requiring all and every person and persons accompanying him in this his said voyage willingly and readily to obey and execute to their best power all such Commands and directions as they shall at any time receive or be required to doe by the said William Clayborne. And this Commission shall continue in force for during the terme of six months next after the date hereof Given at Iames City under my hand and the seale of the Colony the thirteenth daie of March in the fourth yeare of the reigne of our Sovereigne King Charles of England &c. Annoq Domini 1628.

John Pott.

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 by the Cruelty and treachery of the Indians we are in many waies justly provoked and incited to undertake a continued and settled course of warre against them to there utter exterpation and ruine wee being better inhabled thereunto by those numbers of persons which have lately arived and augmented this Colony. After