

letter from the Comiss<sup>rs</sup> of His Majestie's Customes for that purpose the which are as foll: viz: Liber B.  
P. R. O.

Loc. Sig:

Pat: Mein Com: Sur: Gen <sup>ll</sup> his Majties Customes.	}	To all People to whom these presents shall come Wee the Comiss <sup>rs</sup> for managing and caus- ing to be levied and collected his Majestie's Customes, Subsidies and other duties in this his Kingdome of England send greeting Know yee that Wee the said Comis <sup>rs</sup> by vertue of an Act of Parliament made in the 25 <sup>th</sup> yeare of his late Majestie's Reigne Intituled an Act for the Encourage- ment of the Eastland and Greenland Trades and for better securing the Plantation Trade and in pursuance to the Authority and direction to us given by the R <sup>t</sup> Hon <sup>ble</sup> the Lord High Treasurer of England Have Deputed and Impowered and doe hereby depute and impower Patrick Mein Esq <sup>r</sup> to be Surveyor Generall of the rates and Dutyes ariseing and grow- ing due to his Maj <sup>tie</sup> by vertue of the said Act in his Maj <sup>ties</sup> severall Collonyes and Plantations in America, whereby he hath Power to enter into any Ship, Bottom, Boat or other Ves- sell, as alsoe into any shop, House, Ware House, Hostery or other place whatsoever to make diligent search into any Trunk, Chest, Pack, Case, Truss or any other parcell or packadge what- soever, for any goods, wares, merchandizes prohibited to be exported or imported, or whereof the Customes or other Dutyes have not been duely paid and the same to seize to his Majesty's use and alsoe to put in execution all other the law- full powers and authorityes for the better manageing and col- lecting the said rates and dutyes in all things proceeding as the law directs Hereby praying and requireing his Maj <sup>ties</sup> Officers and Ministers and all others whom it may concern to be aiding and assisting to him in all things as becometh Given under <span style="float: right;">p. 72</span> our hands and Seal of the Custome house London this 18 <sup>th</sup> of 9 <sup>ber</sup> 1685.
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Ch: Cheyne, D. North, Jo. Werden, W. Butler Buckworth  
L. Chadleigh W. Dickenson.

James R.  
 His Maj<sup>tie</sup>'s  
 Letter in fav: R<sup>t</sup> Trusty and R<sup>t</sup> Welbeloved Cousin Wee greet  
 Pat: Mein you well Whereas our Com<sup>rs</sup> in our Customes in  
 this our Kingdome of England have appointed our trusty and  
 welbeloved Patrick Mein Gent: thc bearer hereof to be Sur-  
 veyor Generall for inspecting the actions of our Collectors and  
 other Officers within our Collonyes of Virginia and Maryland  
 and to give such orders and directions as he shall find necessary  
 for our service, perticularly for the better collecting our dutyes  
 due by Act of Parliament made in the five and twentieth yeare of  
 the reigne of our dearest Brother of Blessed Memory Intituled  
 an Act for the Encouragement of the Eastland and Greenland