

six thous<sup>d</sup> Pounds of Tobacco yearly from the date hereof to be paid out of the dues or fees Received or to be Received by reason and means of the said Offices and Employments and also further the Liberty to sell vend and dispose of any County Clerks Place within this Province when they shall happen to be void by death absence Misdemeanors or otherwise and the said Ridgley to have the whole Profits of the same to his own proper Use excepting only the County of Saint Marys unto M<sup>r</sup> James Thompson or his Assigns and to no other Person and further I do hereby declare that for the maintainance and Sallary of such Clerks as shall be necessarily employed by and under the said Robert Ridgley in and about the doing and Executing the Offices and Places aforesaid that besides what I have before Given and Granted to the said Rob<sup>t</sup> Ridgley I will out of the fees arising from the said Places or otherwise be at the whole Charge In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifth day of Iune in the 39<sup>th</sup> Year of the dominion of Cecilius &c<sup>a</sup> Annoq Dom 1671

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#### Instructions and Powers for Robert Ridgley

Imprimis You are hereby Empowred and Required after my departure diligently to attend the management of all Business that shall Come to your hands to be dispatched by you as you are deputed and Authorized by me either as I am Secretary or Publick Notary of the Province or chief Iudge for Probate of wills not omitting at the signing of all Testamentary business to incert that you sign it by my Order and Appointment

Secondly You are to get the Books of fees ready early and deliver them to the several Sheriffs of the several and Respective Counties with an execution general at the end of each Book signed and Sealed by his Excellency

Thirdly You are hereby impowred to take the Proof of all such rights for Land as shall be Offered by any Persons demanding Benefit of his Lordships Conditions of Plantation hereby requiring you to admit of no rights unless by oath of the Party entring them it appears such rights are Originally due to them as Persons either transported by or Consigned that shall demand Benefit of the Conditions of Plantation & of this you must take a special Care from time to time

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Fourthly You must be Carefull to delay no man at such time when Business Ought to be done and suffer not the Clerk or Clerks under you to exact unlawfully upon any Person either for Expedition money or otherwise but readily dispatch Peoples business at times Convenient as Occasion shall require

Fifthly You are impowred to sign Letters of Administration