

Liber K. His Excellency having granted the following Commission to M^r Edward Greene of Somerset County, the same was ordered to be recorded here in this Journall viz^t

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Lionel Copley Esq^r Captain Generall Gov^r in Chief and Vice Admirall of this their Majestys Province of Maryland and the Territorys thereunto belonging to Edward Greene of Somerset County Gent Greeting

Whereas I am credibly informed and complaint hath to me been made, that severall Persons Inhabitants of Pensilvania and other our Neighbouring Collonies and Plantations do annually at a certain Season of the Year come into intrench and encroach upon and within the limits and bounds of this Province at the Seaboard Side, as whale men and do there seize cut up and try the blubber of drift whales, and carry away the same without Leave License or consent of me or any other person thereunto authorised so to do, to my particular apparent loss damage and injury and in contempt of this their Majestys Government as also to the disturbance and prejudice of the Inhabitants of this Province, (who in right and justice ought rather principally to be employed therein) by coming upon their Land disturbing & driving away their Stocks, and destroying their Woods and timber, which to prevent for the future, I the said Lionel Copley reposing speciall trust and confidence in the integrety fidelity and circumspection of you the said Edward Greene do hereby constitute depute ordain and appoint you the said Edw^d Greene Chief and only Officer under me for the taking seizing and cutting up and trying the Blubber, and making such other Use and benefitt as you shall think fitt or possibly can for the most advantage, of all such drift whales or other Fish, and of all or any other drifts wastes or wrecks whatsoever as shall at any time hereafter happen to come or be cast on shore on the Seaboard Side within the limits and jurisdiction of this Province hereby also fully authorising and impowring you the said Edward Greene by your self or Lawful deputy, together with the Aid and Assistance of such and so many other person or persons as shall be necessary or you shall think fitt to employ therein accordingly to take seize cut up and try the Blubber of all such drift whales or other Fish and also to seize and take into your charge and custody all such other drifts wastes and wrecks as shall be driven or cast on shoar or be found floating within the limits and bounds aforesaid and the same keep or expose to sale barter away or otherwise dispose of as to you shall seem meet and convenient for the most benefitt and advantage you the said Edward Greene keeping an exact