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Lib. H. D. Ordr for preparing draught of Coll Nicholson's Commission ready for the Kings signature

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The draught of a Commission presented by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantacōns constituting and Appointing Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Governour in Chief of Maryland in America having been this day Approved at the Board: His Ma<sup>ty</sup> in Councill is therevpon pleased to Order as it is hereby Ordered that the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> John Trenchard Kn<sup>t</sup> principall Secretary of State Doe Cause the said Draught to be prepared for his Ma<sup>ts</sup> Royal Signiture in Order to pass the Great Seale

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At the Court at Whitehall  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1693

Present

The Kings most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup> in Councill.

Oath taken by Coll Nicholson Gov<sup>r</sup> of Maryland

His Ma<sup>ty</sup> having been graciously pleased to constitute Colonel Francis Nicholson to be their Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Captain Generall and Governor in Chief of Maryland in America, The said Coll Nicholson, this day at the Board tooke the Oath appointed by the Acts of Trade and Navigation to be taken by the respective Governors of their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Plantations,

W<sup>m</sup> Bridgeman.

Whitehall The Commission of Vice-Admirall read, Ordered to be likewise Recorded Vide ffol 9.

The following Papers doe Relate to his Ex<sup>ncies</sup> obtaining his Commission of Vice-Admirall &c<sup>a</sup>

I do hereby Certify that a Commission is passing Under the Great Seale of England, Constituting Coll Francis Nicholson Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall and Governor in Chief of their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Province and Territory of Maryland in America,

Councill Chamber the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Blathwayt

1693.

By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admirall of England Ireland &c<sup>a</sup>

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Commissioners of the Admiralty's Warrant for issuing Coll Nicholson's Commission of Vice-Admirall &c<sup>a</sup>

Whereas Request has been made Unto Vs by Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Captain Generall and Governor in Chief in and over their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Province and Territory of Maryland in America that he may hold the place of Vice-Admirall of the Province and Territory of Maryland in America Which have thought fit according to the Power Given Vs by their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Commission vnder the Great Seal of England to Grant—