

These are therefore to direct & Require you to Cause Letters Patents of the Vice-Admiralty of the Province and Territory of Maryland in America to be issued out of the High Court of Admiralty in their Ma<sup>ts</sup> Names to the said Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> to continue Untill further Order in as large and ample manner as the same has been formerly Granted to any others or according to the Usual forme of Letters Patents Granted to Vice-Admiralls in England with power to Ordain and appoint his Deputies and Under Officers and with Proviso that just Account be made every yeare and in default the said Letters Patents to cease and determine ffor which this shall be your Warrant Dated at the Admiralty Office this 19<sup>th</sup> day of febr<sup>y</sup> 1693/4

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To S<sup>r</sup> Charles Hedges Kn<sup>t</sup>  
Judge of the High Court  
of Admiralty.

J Lowther  
H. Priestman  
Robt Austen  
Ro. Rich

By Com<sup>d</sup> of the Com<sup>rs</sup>  
J Sotherne

ffor Coll Nicholson Governor of Maryland, These

Adm<sup>ty</sup> Office 19<sup>th</sup> March 1693/4

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The R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Adm<sup>ty</sup> Com<sup>and</sup> me to acquaint you that they desire to speake with you here this Evening about six of the Clock, I am

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your most humble Servant,  
J Sotherne

Colonel Nicholson Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland.

The following Papers doe Relate to His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> Coll Nicholson's being Constituted Attorney for his Grace the Duke Schonburgh and Leinster to Receive & take into his possession all Wrecks &c<sup>a</sup> within the Limits of this Province for his said Grace's Use.

To

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Governor in Chief of their Ma<sup>ties</sup> Province of Maryland

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His Grace  
the Duke of  
Schonburg  
& Leinster's  
Lre to Gov<sup>r</sup>  
Nicholson

It is now about a yeare since his Ma<sup>ty</sup> was pleased to Grant me his Letters Patents for all Wrecks, Derelicts &c<sup>a</sup> Between the Latitudes of Twelve Degrees South and fforty Degrees North for Twenty years, for the securing of which and for the settlement of due Correspondencies I have made and appointed