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At a Councill held at the City of S^t
Maries the Tenth day of Novemb^r A^o 1694.

Present

His Excellency ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r

The Hono^{ble} { S^r Thomas Laurence Baron^t Sec^rry
 { Thomas Tench Esq^r
 { Edward Randolph Esq^r

Collectors of Petuxt Potomock & Pocomoke make Oath to y^r Accts to the penny p pound

Came George Layfield Esq^r and produced to his Ex^{ncy} in Councill a Commission constituting him Comptroler and Surveyo^r of all the Duties & c^a arising in Maryland together with certain Instructions relating thereto ; Wherevpon the said George Layfield brought likewise before his Ex^{ncy} George Plater Esq^r & M^r Philip Clarke Collectors of Potomock & Petuxt Districts, who severally produceing certain Acco^{ts} of the Duty of the penny p pound by them Collected & Received within the said Districts made Oath to the same accordingly, M^r Layfield also making Oath to the said Duty by him Collected within the District of Pocomoke.

The aforementioned Commission & Instructions are as follow. Viz^t

Mr Layfields Commission of Compt^r & Surveyo^r & c^a

To all People to whom these Presents shall Come Wee the Commissioners for Managing & Causing to be Leavyed and Collected his Ma^{ts} Customs Subsidies & Duties in this his Kingdom of England send Greeting know Yee that Wee the said Commission^{ts} by Virtue of an Act of Parliam^t made in the 25th year of his late Maj^{ts} Reign, Intituled, An Act for the Encouragem^t of the Eastland & Greenland Traders, and for the better securing the Plantacōn Trade, And in the Pursuance of the Authority & Direction to Vs Given by the Right Hono^{ble} the Lord High Treasurer of England Have Deputed & Empowered and Do hereby Depute and Impower George Layfield to be Comptroler and Surveyo^r of all the Rates, Duties and Impositions arising & Growing due to his Majesty in his Province of Maryland by Virtue of the said Act Whereby he hath power to Enter into any ship, Bottom, Boat or other Vessell, as also into any shop, house Warehouse, hostrey or other place whatsoever to make diligent search into any Trunck, pack, Case, Chest, Truss or any other parcell or package whatsoever for any Goods Wares or Merchandize prohibited to be Exported or Imported or whereof the Customs or other Duties have not been duly paid, And the same to Seize to his Maj^{ts} Use, And

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