

also to put in Execucōn all other the Lawfull Powers and Authorities for the better managing and Collecting the said Duties, in all things proceeding as the Law directs hereby praying and Requiring all and every his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Officers & Ministers and all others whom it may concern to be Aiding and Assisting to him in all things as becometh Given vnder our hands & Seal at the Custom house, London this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, Anno Domini, 1684.

Jo Werden J Butler J Buckworth, W Dickinson On the back of the s<sup>d</sup> Commission was thus written Viz<sup>t</sup>

At a Councill Novemb<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1686

Maryland ss: Came M<sup>r</sup> George Layfield and produced the within Comission and here made Oath vpon the holy Evangelist, that since the said Commission hath Come to his hands he hath to the best of his skill well and truly Executed the said Commission And likewise that for the future he will to the best of his knowledge well & truly Execute the said Commission according to the true intent & meaning thereof.

Jam Heath C of Concil

The Instructions follow.

Instructions by the Commission<sup>rs</sup> for Managing & Causing to be Leavyed his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Customs, Subsidies & other Duties in England to George Layfield Comp<sup>tr</sup> & Surveyo<sup>r</sup> of all the Rates, Duties & Impositions Arising and growing due to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in his Province of Maryland by an Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> made in England in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his late Ma<sup>ty</sup> Reign. p. 84

1: Whereas in pursuance of the said Act made in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his late Maj<sup>ty</sup> Reign, Intituled, An Act for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of the Eastland and Greenland Trades and for better securing the plantation Trade Wee have by Direction of the Right hono<sup>ble</sup> the Earle of Dorchester Lord high Treasurer of England, Deputed Nehemiah Blackiston to be Collector of all the Rates, Duties & Impositions in his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Province of Maryland, And for the better Leavying and Collecting thereof and Accounting for the same Wee have by the like Authority and direction Deputed you to be Comptroler and Surveyo<sup>r</sup> of the said Rates, Duties and Impositions in the said province of Maryland, And because the said Act hath settled the Collection of the said Duties vnder such penalties as are inflicted for Non paym<sup>t</sup> of or defrauding his Ma<sup>ty</sup> of his Customs in England, Wee herewith deliver to you a Book of Rates wherein