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Lib. H. D. To his Ex^{ncy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r their Ma^{ts} Cap^t Gen^{ll} and Govern^r of Maryland.

The humble Peticon of Paul Bickford of Plymouth in the Kingdom of England Marrin^r

Paul Bick- Humbly Sheweth
fords Peticon
for Speciall
Comission
&ca

p. 153 That whereas yo^r Pet^r haveing a Difference in Law with one Joshua Broadbent M^rchant to whom your Pet^r upon his Engagem^{nt} of punctuall pay in tobacco at yo^r Pet^r his Shipps side in Wiccomaco River has delivered four hundred Bushells of Salt but has received no part of Satisfaction for the same more than two thousand pounds of tobacco and that not at his Ships Side but by notes to other Men and yet is yo^r Pet^r sued by the said Broadbent and speciall Baile insisted on for Thirty od thousand pounds of Tobacco And for as much as yo^r Pet^r is upon his voyage and comes here in the way of Trade and that the said Broadbent has no other dependance but on Tiring out yo^r Pet^r by delay's and retarding his Voyage thereby to force yo^r Pet^r to a Compliance with his Unjust demands

Your Pet^r therefore humbly Supplicates yo^r Ex^{encies} consideration of the Premisses and that you will please to appoint a Speciall Court or such other Suitable wayes and Meanes as your Wisdom sees fitt for the speedy hearing and determining the said Difference &ca

And as in Duty bound he shall Ever Pray &ca

Ordered that Speciall Commission issue according to the prayer of the Pet^r which said Comission was drawn up and in these words following Viz^t

Speciall Commission Granted constituting Capt Wm Barton & als to be Justices for the Ending all Differences inter Bickford & Broadbent

William & Mary by the Grace of God King & Queen of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland Defenders of the Faith &ca To Cap^t W^m Barton M^r John Hawkins Maj^r James Smallwood Cap^t Philip Hoskins & M^r Robert Yates of Charles County Gentl Greeting Whereas Paul Bickford of Plymoth in the Kingdome of England Marriner humbly set forth Unto our Councill that he had been sued by one Joshua Broadbent M^rchant who insisted upon Speciall Bayle for thirty od thousand pounds of Tobacco Signifying withall that he was upon his voyage and come here in the way of Trade therefore humbly prayed our Speciall Comission might issue for the Speedy Tryall of the said Difference now depending and not be tired and wearied out with the dilatory proceedings of his Adversary, which was Accordingly Granted him, And Wee willing that speedy Justice in like case