

Lib. H. D. Bonds be performed These Certificates are to be signed by 4 or more of the Commissioners of the Customs in England for the time being, and Certificates thereof produced and on forfeiture thereof th^t they be prosecuted. And for this end if any Ship or Vessell w^{ch} hath given such Bond shall happen to arrive again wth you, you are to demand of her Master a Certificate of such Shipp's having discharged her former loading according to such Bond and if he produce no such Certificate that such Bond be put in process without further delay. And in all Cases where Bond hath been given; If you can discover & make proof that any such Ship or Vessell hath discharged her loading contrary to her bond or that a convenient time hath past in expectation of the return of a Certificate of her unloading according to the Tennor of her Bond and that no Certificate is returned you are to take like care th^t the Bond be putt in process.

8^{thly} You shall from time to time Correspond wth the Collectors of their Majest^{ies} Customs in Maryland and inspect the clearings of all Ships and Vessells in their Books in order to the better discovery of forged Certificates & Cocquets & shall inform them of such matters as shall come to your knowledge th^t may be of use to them in their Maj^{ties} service.

9^{thly} You shall give to the Govern^r of Maryland a true & Exact Journall of your proceedings every three months or oftener & you shall observe such rules Orders and directions as from time to time you shall receive from him in Order to the better observation of the Acts of Trade & Navigation contained in a Book of Rates herewith transmitted to you and these Instructions in pursuance thereof and be otherwise Subject to the Superior Command of the said Govern^r in all things for their Majesties Service.

ffra: Nicholson.

St Maries Citty June the 28th 1695.

St Maries City at the house of M^r

Gerrard Van Sweringhen June 28th 1695.

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Came Cap^t Thomas Meech Comānder of the Sloop Speedwell of Maryland together with Rob^t Mason Esq^r & M^r Philip Clarke his Securities who Entered into Bond of Three thousand pounds Sterl: to his Ex^{ncy} the Govern^r for the said Meech's due Execucōn of a certain Comission this day given him by his Ex^{ncy} for Cruising in the aboue said Sloop, who at the same time Rec^d Instructions for the same, Sent from the R^t hon^{ble} the Lords of their Ma^{ties} Treasury as likewise a booke of Rates.