

Vice Admirall what shall be his due then the aboue Obliga- Lib. H. D.  
tion to be void, otherwise to stand & Remain in full force &  
vertue.

Signed Sealed & Deliuered in the      Edward Green [Seal]  
presence of John Morrogh              John Edmondson [Seal]  
Hen Denton

Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Govern<sup>r</sup> in  
Chief of this his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Province of Maryland  
To Thomas Collyer of Talbot County Gentl. Greeting

Mr Colliers  
Comi<sup>co</sup>n for  
Navall Officer  
of the Port  
of W<sup>m</sup> Stadt  
& Riding  
Survey<sup>r</sup> of  
the 5 Coun-  
tyes on the  
Eastern  
Shore

Whereas by an Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup> made in the 15<sup>th</sup> p. 216  
year of King Charles the Second, intituled an Act  
for the Encovragem<sup>t</sup> of Trade, amongst other things  
it is Enacted for the better prevention of ffrauds,  
That all Masters and Comanders of Ships and Ves-  
sells coming into any Land, Island, Planta<sup>co</sup>n,  
Colony, Territoryes or places belonging to his Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
his heirs and Successo<sup>rs</sup> shall make known to the  
Govern<sup>r</sup> of such Land, Island Plantacon &<sup>ca</sup> or such other per-  
son or Officer as shall be by him thereunto Authorized and  
appointed And Forasmuch as upon Representation of the  
illegal & irregular Trade driven and carryed on by Merchants  
& others coming from Pensilvania & Tradeing here within  
this Province, it hath been thought expedient (for the better  
regulating that Trade and preventing such abuses for the  
future) to appoint a Riding Surveyo<sup>r</sup> for the Severall Coun-  
tyes lying on the Eastern shore, in pursuance of both which,  
and for the better Execu<sup>co</sup>n of the a<sup>d</sup> Act and other Rules  
contained in Severall Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> Relating to the Duty of  
a Navall Officer, as all so the severall Laws of this Province.  
I do hereby Authorize and appoint you the said Thomas  
Collyer to be Navall Officer for the Port of Williamstadt, as  
also Riding Surveyo<sup>r</sup> within all the Limits & precincts of the  
ffive Counties on the Eastern Shore within the said Province,  
with full power & Authority to inspect, Examine & inquire  
into all such abuses committed and to take an Acco<sup>t</sup> yearly  
what quantities of Tobacco is made upon the ffrontier Planta-  
tions lying nearest to the Governm<sup>t</sup> of Pensilvania a<sup>d</sup> And to  
the End you may better discharge your Duty in the trust  
hereby committed vnto you I do fully Authorize and Empower  
you to put in strict Execucon the severall powers contained  
in the aforementioned Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> Laws of this Province  
and the directions of two proclamations by me issued, the one  
bearing Date the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August instant, touching the  
Trade of Pensilvania & the other bearing date the 20<sup>th</sup> of the