

given to M^r ffrisby in Order to pursue what by the s^d Comis- Lib. H. D.
sion he is directed.

The said Commission follows in these Words,

Daniell
Pierce Com-
mission of
Riding Sur-
veyor &c^a

Viz'. ffrancis Nicholson Esqr Cap^t Gen^l & Goven^r
in Chief of his Ma^{ty} Province of Maryland, To Daniell
Pierce of Cæcill County Gent^l Greeting Whereas for
the more vigorous & effectuall putting in prosecu-
tion the severall Acts of Trade & Navigation I do find it abso-
lutely necessary & expedient that an Officer or Riding
Surveyor be constituted in Cæcill County for the further &
better prevention of the fraudulent & illegall Trade carried
on and managed betwixt Pensilvania & that place (notwith-
standing my former care to obstruct the same) as by com-
plaint I have Received; And putting speciall trust & confi-
dence in your fidelity & diligence I have thought fit to consti-
tute & appoint and I do hereby accordingly Authorize &
appoint you the said Daniell Pierce to be riding Surveyor
within all the Limits & p^rcincts of Cæcill County afores^d and
the Counties therevnto adjacent, with full power & Authority
to Examine all Masters of ships or other Vessells or bottoms
whatsoever trading thither and to make search thereinto by
breaking open any Chest, trunck, lock, truss or pack, as fully
& amply as any Navall Officer within this province (by Law)
might or could do; as also to make Seizures &c^a And you are
more particularly to keepe most frequently riding and have
strictest regard to those places by which such illegall Trade
is carryed on & managed as afores^d and to strictly examine
& search all Carts & Wagons, Boats, Shallops & Sloops
transported over Land; As also to observe & yearly take an
Acco^t (as well as possibly you can) of the quantity of Tobacco
& Number of hogsheads made towards the ffrontier planta-
tions adjoining vpon Pensilvania in those parts; And for your
better guidance to discharge the Duty of your s^d Office, you
are to be Ruled by & have Recourse to the severall Acts of
Trade & Navigation in the Book of Rates set down, the Laws p. 301
of this province & all proclamations, relating to Trade, by me
issued; And to observe all such further directions as from
time to time you shall from me receive; You having first
taken the Oaths appointed by Act of parliament to be taken
instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy & subscribed
to the Test, as also an Oath for the due observance of the said
severall Acts of Trade &c^a hereby Empowering the hono^{ble}
James ffrisby Esqr to administer the same to you, as also take
Bond as vsually given by the Navall Officers, the which he is to
Certify to me accordingly, hereby desiring & commanding
all Officers Civill & Military within this province and all his