

Maryland ss:

Lib. H. D.  
Seal

His Excell  
Govern<sup>r</sup>  
Nicholsons  
Lycense to  
Mr Vorsman  
the Labadee  
Minister

ffrancis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> & Chief Gov-  
ern<sup>r</sup> of his Ma<sup>ties</sup> province of Maryland & the Terri-  
tories therevnto belonging & Vice Admirall of the  
same &c<sup>a</sup> To all people to whom these presents shall  
come, Greeting.

Know Yee that forasmuch as Peter Sluyter als Vorsman of  
Cæcill County Clerk hath made it appear to me that he is an  
Orthodox protestant Minister, Ordained according to the  
Tenets of the Reformed Churches in Holland—I have hereby  
Empowered, Authorized and appointed, as also given free  
leave, liberty & Lycense to him the said Peter Sluyter als  
Vorsman to joyne together in the holy State of Matrimony  
all such persons as are & be of his Society (provided the said  
persons shall actually have Resided in the said Society for  
the space of three Months before the Solemnity of Marriage  
passeth and no others whatsoever) without having any further  
Lycense from myself or any publication at Church or County  
Courts, Given under my hand & Seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October  
in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Reign, Annoq Domini, 1695.

ffr. Nicholson.

March the 10<sup>th</sup> 1695/6.

Charles  
Kilburne  
Depty  
Marshall &ca  
sworn

Then came Charles Kilburne before his Excel-  
lency the Govern<sup>r</sup> who producing a Commission  
for being Dep<sup>ty</sup> Marshall of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Courts of  
Admiralty on the Western shore, under the hand &  
Seal of Thomas Collyer Gentl Marshall of the s<sup>d</sup> Court had  
administred unto him the Oaths appointed by act of Parliam<sup>t</sup>  
to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy  
& subscribed to the Test, and had also Administred vnto him  
before the hono<sup>ble</sup> Coll Nicholas Greenberry Judge of the s<sup>d</sup>  
Court, the Oath of Dep<sup>t</sup> Marshall as aforesaid.

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The following Paper by Order Entred, Viz<sup>t</sup>

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Mr Wm  
Taylard's  
Certificate  
touching the  
provll & Land  
Records.

Whereas I find that Information has been made  
against me William Taylard vnderwritten that I  
should give out how that severall leaves have been  
torn out of some Record Books in the Secretaries  
Office since their Removall to this Port Annapolis—

These are therefore to Certify that to the best of my remem-  
brance I should say that the Land Office Records lay very  
indecent on the ffloor and that some leaves were loose &  
shattered, and without speedy care be taken of those Records  
they might be more abused or to that purpose, since which  
upon my summons before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> to declare