

and Enjoyed within our said province or any other our Plan- Lib. H. D.
tacōns in America vntill our Pleasure be further knowne or
your Arrivall as aforesaid Lastly Wee doe hereby Declare
Ordaine and Appoint that you the said ffrancis Nicholson
shall & may hold Execute & Enjoy the Office & place of Cap-
tain Generall and Governor in Cheife in and over our province
& Territory of Maryland together with all and singular the
Powers & Authorityes hereby Granted vnto you for &
during Our Will & pleasure In Witness whereof We have
Caused these our Letters to be made Patents Witness
our Selves at Westminister the Tenth day of ffebruary in the
ffifth yeare of our Reigne.

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Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Afterwards Produced their Ma^{ties} Com̄ission Under the
Seale of the High Court of Admiralty in England Dated the Whitehall
ffifth day of March Anno 1693, Giveing ample power and
Jurisdiction vnto the aforesaid ffrancis Nicholson Esq to
Exercise Vse and Enjoy the Authority & Right of a Vice
Admirall here within all the Limits & precincts of the afore-
said Province.

The Com̄ission Runes in these following Words, Viz^t

Governor
Nicholson's
Com̄ission
of Vice
Admirall

Gulielmus & Maria Dei Gratia Angliæ Scotiæ
ffranciæ & Hiberniæ Rex & Regina fidei defensores
&c^a Dilecto nobis ffrancisco Nicholson Armigero
Salutem ad Cognoscendum & Procedendum in
quibuscunq. Causis Civilibus & Maritimis atq. Querelis Con-
tractibus Delictis seu quasi Delictis Criminibus placitis Debitis
Excambiis Computis Chartis partitis Conventionibus Litibus
transgressionibus injuriis Extortionibus & Demandis ac
Negotiis Civilibus & Maritimis Motis seu Movendis quibus-
cunq. inter Mercatores aut inter Proprietarios Navium &
aliorum Vasorum et Mercatores seu alios quoscunq. cum
eisdem Dominis & Proprietariis Navium et Cæterorum Vas-
orum quorumcunq. infra Jurisdictionem Maritimam Admirali-
tatis Nostræ Provinciæ et Territorii Nostrorum de Maryland
in America Occupatorum vel Vsitatorum seu inter quascunq.
alias personas qualitercunq. habitis factis initis seu Con- p. 10
tractis pro aliqua Re Materia Causa vel Negotio seu
injuria quacunq. infra Jurisdictionem Nostram Maritimam
prædict. expeditis seu expediendis vna cum omnibus
et singulis suis incidentibus Emergentibus dependen-
tibus Annexis & connexis Causis quibuscunq. Ubicunq. seu
qualitercunq. hujusmodi Causæ querelæ Contractus & alia