

Lib. H. D. William the third By the Grace of God King of England  
 p. 161 Scotland, France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &<sup>ca</sup>

Letters Patents  
 to the Governr  
 of Maryland  
 to appoint  
 Judges  
 Registers &  
 Marshalls &  
 advocates of  
 the Courts of  
 Admiralty of  
 Maryland  
 Pensilvania  
 and West  
 Jersey.

To our Wellbeloved Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> our present Governour of Maryland in America and to the Governor of Maryland for the time being Greeting. Whereas wee think it necessary that for the preventing of a failure of Justice, as well in the respective Courts of Admiralty in the Province under our immediate Authority in the West Indies as in the severall proprieties contained in the Comissions to the Governor of the said Province for want of proper Officers to manage those matters upon any present vacancy or the death or legall disability of those who are in present possession of those employments, the said Governor should in such case be impowered to appointed Judges Registers Marshalls and Advocates not only in the Admiralty Courts of their own Governments, but also in those of the Proprieties w<sup>ch</sup> are nearest to the same, And Wee being desireous that Justice should be duly administered in all the Provinces and places under our immediate Authority in the West Indies & also in the severall proprieties contained in the Comissions to the Govern<sup>rs</sup> of the said Provinces and by these our Letters Patents or Comission particularly to provide for our Courts of Admiralty of Maryland Pensilvania and West Jersey, have thought fit to impower, and doe by these presents committ & grant unto you Our present Governour of Maryland, and to our Governor of Maryland for the time being full power and Authority to appoint Iudges, Registers, Marshalls, and Advocates, for our Admiralty Courts of Maryland Pensilvania and West Jersey upon any present vacancy of any of those offices or when there shall happen any either by the death or legall disability of those who are or shall be in possession of the same. And wee do hereby require you Our present Governor of Maryland, and our Governour of Maryland for the time being to transmitt as soone as possible you can to our Lord high Admirall of England or to our Commissioners for executing the office of Lord high Admirall of England for the time being the names of the respective persons w<sup>ch</sup> you shall at any time appoint to the Officer aforementioned in the said Admiralty Courts in Order to their being approved or disallowed of In Witness whereof wee have caused the great Seale of our high Court of Admiralty of England to be hereunto fixed. Given at London in our said Court the six and twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred ninety Seaven, and in the ninth year of our reigne.

Orlando Gee Reg<sup>r</sup>