

Lib. H. D. person that came up found the boddy with the head & his right arm cutt off to his Elbow and both carryed away with his Musquett Powder and Shott bagg and further this deponent sayeth not.

And on the back of the above Deposition was thus endorsed

At the Port of Annapolis October the 13<sup>th</sup> 1697.

Then came the within named Iames Waple before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Councill and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist that the within deposition is truth

H: Denton Cl. Concil

Mr Edwd  
Prices  
Surveyor &  
Seachers  
Comission

Edward Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customs in the Plantations and Colonies on the Continent of America & Islands adjacent To Edw<sup>d</sup> Price Gent.

By virtue of a Deputation granted me by the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Commissioners of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customes in London bearing date the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1691. And in pursuance likewise of additional Articles of Instructions from their Hono<sup>rs</sup> Dated at the Custom House in London the 22 Sep<sup>r</sup> 1697. Directing me amongst other things, that in case of any vacancy by the death or want of any of the Officers of the Customes, or otherwise to depute and impower some fitt and able person to serve therein, and finding great want of an Officer of the Customes in Pocomoke River & Bay on the Eastern Shore of the Province of Maryland also in the said River of Pocomoke on the Eastern Shore of the Colony of Virginia, I doe hereby depute and impower you the said Edward Price to be Surveyor and Searcher of all the Rates, Dutyes, & Impositions, arising & growing due to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> in Pocomoke River and Bay on the Eastern Shore of the Province of Maryland and also in the said River of Pocomoke on the Eastern Shore of the Colony of Virginia, and likewise in all Bayes, Creeks, Harbours, Rivers, and Islands, thereunto adjacent or belonging, by virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, Entituled an Act for encouragement of the Eastland and Greenland Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade Whereby you have authority to enter into any Ship, bottom, Boat, or other Vessell, as also into any Shop, House, Warehouse, hostry or other place whatsoever, to make diligent search into any Trunck, Chest, pack, case, Truss, or any other parcell or package whatsoever for any goods, wares, Merchandizes, prohibited to be

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