

the said Coll<sup>o</sup> Robothams filling up; who is hereby likewise Lib. H. D. Empowered and Authorized to administer the Oath appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacie unto the said person he shall so recommend & appoint, and the Oath of Trade & Navigation herewith likewise sent, and that the s<sup>d</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Robotham do in like manner Administer the aforementioned Oaths unto M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Collyer now constituted Collector of the aforesaid Port; and that the Test be tender'd them to be subscribed to, being likewise directed to take Bond from each of them w<sup>th</sup> good Security for the due & faithfull discharge of their respective places, according to the form herewith sent.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to direct the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> for to write to the R<sup>tt</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>rs</sup> of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Customes desiring them to send Deputations to the Persons by him now Commissionated and that an Addition might be made to their Sallaries to enable them to keep Boat and hands.

His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> is pleased to signify that the R<sup>tt</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>rs</sup> of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Customes have according to his request p. 618 sent in two dozen of Bookes of Rates and two dozen of late Acts of Parliament for preventing frauds and Regulating abuses in the Plantation Trade; w<sup>ch</sup> are directed to be disposed off as follows; Vizt One of a Sort to be lodged among the Councill Records, for the use of the Govern<sup>r</sup> and his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> Councill, the like to be lodged w<sup>th</sup> the Clerk of the Provinciaall Court & every County Court of this Province; as as also w<sup>th</sup> each Collector & Navall Officer.

Ordered that the severall Acts of Trade contain'd in the Book of Rates & late Act of Parliament for preventing frauds and Regulating abuses in the Plantation trade be read twice every year in every County Court of this Province.

Ian<sup>ry</sup> the 3<sup>d</sup> 1697/8.

The Hono<sup>ble</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> Surveyor Gen<sup>ll</sup> of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Customs on the Continent of America &<sup>ca</sup> producing a Com<sup>miss</sup><sup>n</sup> by him granted unto M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Dacres for being Surveyor & Searcher of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Customes in Somersett County including Nanticoke River, bearing date this day, was Read before his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in presence of the Hono<sup>ble</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>tt</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup> and Coll Henry Iowles & approved off; & the s<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dacres being present, administered unto him the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; as also the Oaths of Trade and Navigation and Subscribed to the Test.