

grant Commissions to S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Baron<sup>t</sup> to be Iudge, Lib. H. D.  
Henry Denton Reg<sup>r</sup> and Thomas Collyer Marshall of his  
Maj<sup>tes</sup> Court of Vice Admiralty for the Province of Maryland.  
And it being signified th<sup>t</sup> S<sup>r</sup> Thom<sup>s</sup> Laurence having already  
made his excuse of his disability by sickness and his being  
taken up w<sup>th</sup> other matters, relating to the Secretaryes place;  
and his Hono<sup>r</sup> Coll<sup>o</sup> Robotham being appointed already Iudge  
of the said Court in all the Counties on the Eastern Shore.  
It is Ordered that the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench Esq<sup>r</sup> be consti-  
tuted in like manner Iudge of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Court of Vice  
Admiralty on the western Shore Henry Denton Reg<sup>r</sup> and p. 620  
Thomas Hutchins Marshall thereof.

Produced and read the Comission formerly produced for  
Administring an an Oath to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> of Mary-  
land; which said Oath in the said Commission contain'd was  
publickly administred unto his s<sup>d</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> ffrancis Nicholson  
Esq<sup>r</sup> by the Gentlemen of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> honorable Councill present  
& George Muschamp Esq<sup>r</sup> one of the Comiss<sup>rs</sup> therein nomi-  
nated in p<sup>r</sup>sence of severall persons then mett together in the  
Court House of Calvert County.

The Hono<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Brook Esq<sup>r</sup> came and was aded The  
Collect<sup>rs</sup> of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customes of Patuxent & Potomock  
districts are told by the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Survey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>ll</sup> of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customes on the Continent of  
America & Islands adjacent how that he was directed to  
acquaint them from the R<sup>tt</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lords of the Treasury  
and Comiss<sup>rs</sup> of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customes that they considered to  
setle Sallaries on each of them for their Encouragement and  
to Enable them to keep boat and hands to go on board all  
Shipp<sup>s</sup> & Vessells to examine their Loading inwards &  
outwards and as an addition to the 20 p Cent now only  
allowed them for their Collection of the penny p pound  
giving them also an account of the paticular care the said  
Comiss<sup>rs</sup> had taken in sending all the Collectors severall  
necessaries of Bookes, Inke, waxe, wafers, paper &<sup>ca</sup> for their  
respective Offices, the w<sup>ch</sup> they were Ordered to send for  
being lodged with the Clerk of the Councill at the Port of  
Annapolis.

Their Ex<sup>ncys</sup> the Lords Iustices Instructions to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the  
Governour in relation to trade, as also his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Comission  
for administring the Oath of Trade to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> were delivered  
to the s<sup>d</sup> Collectors and Navall Officers present for them to  
go aside & read them over by themselves.

Produced by the Hono<sup>ble</sup> Edward Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> a Comis-  
sion under the hands & Seale of the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Com-  
miss<sup>rs</sup> for prizes, dated the third of July 1697, constituting  
him Surveyor Gen<sup>ll</sup> for prizes in all the Colonyes & Provinces