

Lib. X. Know all men by these p'sents That we Edward Batson, Richard Marsham & Ninian Beal of the Province of Maryland afores^d gentⁿ are holden and firmly bound unto his Ex^{cy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r his Matys Cap^t gen^l and Chiefe Govern^r of this Province in the full & Iust Sumē of one Thousand pounds of Lawfull money of England to be paid to the said ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r his Ex^{ts} Adm^{rs} or Assignes to the which paym^t well and truly to be made we bind our selves and either of us by himsele our and either of our heires Ex^{ts} and Adm^{rs} loyntly & Sev^rally for the whole and in the whole firmly by these p'sents Wittness our hands and Seales the 30th day of June 1698

The Condition of the above written Obligation is such that whereas his Ex^{cy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r afores^d hath Comissionated and Appointed the said Edward Batson to be Navall Officer of the Porte of Annapolis within the s^d Province by his Comission bearing equall date with these p'sents Now if the s^d Edward Batson shall well & truly pforme the said Office According to the Sev^rall Acts of Parliam^t in that Case made & provided and shall observe the directions Contained In the Acts of Assembly of this province relateing to the Duty of Nav^l Officers and from time to time Save defend and keep harmless the s^d ffrancis Nicholson Esq^r from all Damage Loss and Charges that the s^d ffrancis Nicholson shall Susteine att any time by reason of the s^d Batsons non pformance of his said Office (so long as he shall enjoy the same) as is in said Severall Laws Enacted and Ordained Then the above Obligacōn to be Voyd and of none effect Otherwise to be and remaine in full force and Virtue

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| Sealed and Delievered in | Edward Batson | [Seal] |
| the p'sence of | Richard Marsham | [Seal] |
| Hen lowles | Ninian Beal | [Seal] |
| Thomas Tench | | |
| Rich ^d Hill | | |

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| Received Then of his Ex ^{cy} ffrancis Nicholson Esq ^r his Matys Liev ^t Governour Gen ^l of this Province third Bills of Exchange drawn by Capt John Clark Comander of the Ship Iohn and Marg ^{tt} for | 49 | .10 | .00 |
| By Cap ^t Sam ^l Pacey Comander of the Colchester Adventure for | 29 | .15 | .06 |
| By Cap ^t Edward Burford Com ^{dr} of the Ship James for | 62 | .02 | .06 |
| By Cap ^t Thomas Lurting Comander of the Ship Iosiah for | 50 | .17 | .00 |