John Bozman Haveing Speciall Trust and Confidence in your Lib. H. D. Comission of fidelity Knowledge & Circumspection I do hereby Navil Officer for Pocomoke nominate appointe and Constitute you the said District John Bozmane to be Navall Officer of the district of Pocomoke in Sumersett County within the said Province of Maryland hereby Giveing and granting unto you the sd John Bozmane full power and Authority to Act do pforme and Execute and and Singular the Lawful powers and Authorityes and other things whatsoever Incident to the sd Office of Navall Officer aforesd And to take and receive to your own proper use and benefitt all Such Lawful fees pquisites & Advantages as to the Said Office do in any wise apperteine. To have and to hould the Same dureing pleasure Given att the Town and Porte of Annapolis under my hand and Seale this 2^d day of September in the Tenth year of the reign of our Soveigne Lord King William the third of England &c. Annog Dni 1698 ffra: Nicholson

Maryland Porte of Annapolis

By his Maty Iustices of the Prov¹¹ Court Sep^{ber} 10th 1698.

Haveing pused a Certeine Act of Assembly made in the province of Pensilvania Intituled An Act for preventing frauds and Regulateing abuses in Trade within that Province of Pensilvania and Countyes annexed.

We are of Opinion that the said Law is alltogether repugnant to the Severall Acts of Trade and Navigation and Especially the late Act of Parliam^t in the 7th and 8th years of his p^tsent Matys Reigne King William the third &c And th^t if that practice should be Continued and allowed of there It will much p^tjudice his Matys Service in giveing so much Liberty p. 224 there and will give occasion to all falce traders to resorte thither and the Traders in that Province will have that Liberty given them which we here and other his Matys Plantations &c are precluded of and occasion decay in Trade here

Robert Smith Thomas Tasker Thomas Staly John Pollard John Hawkins John Thompson John Hammond