

Recieve the rights and perquisites belong to the Lord high Admirall of England &c. Lib. H. D.

And Whereas as I have received Great Comendations of you as fitt psons to be entrusted on behalf of his Royall Highness And upon Information that there have been since the Warr Declared severall Ships Vessells & Goods taken and seized as prize And as the Goods of Enemys of our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne & brought into the Harbours ports & Roades & Creeks of the provinces of Maryland Virginia & pensilvania as well by privateers as by other English Shippes unCommission'd These are therefore to Desire your Care and Authorize & impower you Ioyntly and Severally to take under your Care & Custody all Ships & Goods as are or shall be Seized as prize & brought into the Harbours ports Roads or Creeks of the said provinces of Maryland Virginia & pensilvania by any Ship or Vessell uncomissionated And also to Seize & take under yo<sup>r</sup> Care & Custody the Goods & Effects of pirates As also all Derelicts Waifs fflotsam Ietsom Lagon recovered & brought into the said provinces or either of them And the same to secure & keep by such Means as you shall think most Convenient for his Royall Highness Service till the same be legally Iudg'd as prize to his Royall Highness or clear'd by due Course of Law. And you are likewise to procure the said Adjudications to be put in Execution & the proceeds thereof after a publiq Sale you are hereby directed to return & pay into my hands for the use of his Royall Highness or Clear'd by due Course of Law. And for as much as a tenth or tenth part of all Ships Vessells & Goods Seized as prize by English private men of Warr or by English Shippes having Letters of Mart do of right appertain unto his Royall Highness as Lord High Admirall of England &c These are therefore also to Authorize & Impower you Ioyntly & Severally to ask Demand Recover & Receive to the use of his Royall Highness the tenth of all such Shippes Vessells and Goods after Adjudication by legall Authority as aforesaid according to an appraisement to be made by the same authority upon the oaths of four or five Skillfull persons pursuant to the usuall Course & Style of Admiralty In all which you are to use your uttmost Care And upon receipt of the aforesaid perquisites Tenths Rights & dues belonging to the Lord high Admirall of England You are to remitt the same to me in the most Convenient manner & with all Speed that may be And for your trouble & Care in the premisses you are to Receive such Allowances as shall from time to time be thought reasonable Given at Duke Street Westminister in the County of Midx under my hand & Seale the seventh day of Aprill in the year

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