

Lib. H. D. of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & three And in the second year of her Ma^{ty}s Reign.

To M^r James & Hercules Coutts
M^rch^{ts} in New Castle in pensylvania.

John Dod.

p. 188 You are Diligently to the trust & Confidence I have repos'd in you to apply yourself on all occasions to the promoting & Advancing all Iust Rights droits & perquisites of Admiralty in the provinces of pensylvania Maryland & Virginia to the use of his Royall Highness prince George of Denmark Lord High Admirall of England, Ireland &c And of all her Ma^{ty}s plantations &c And Generalissimo of all her Ma^{ty}s fforces.

You are during the present Warr Diligently to Enquire & inform your Self of all Shippes & Goods as shall come into any port, Creek or Road of the said provinces or either of them by stress of Weather or other Accident or Mistake of port or by Ignorance not knowing of the Warr as shall belong to her Matys Enemyes & also of all Enemyes Ships & Goods Casually met at Sea & Seized by any Vessell not Comissionated And of the Ships Vessells & Goods as shall be forsaken or derelicted by the Enemy And also of all Racks of the seas fflotsam Jetsom Lagon Shippes and Goods of pirates Deodands & all other Droits Rights Dutys and perquisites of Admiralty belonging to the Lord High Admirall

You are to give Notice of all such Shippes Vessells Goods or other Droits & perquisites aforementioned To the end that the Same may by you & such person as you from time to time & Appoint be seized & proceeded ag^t according to due Course of Law to such persons as are legally Authorized in that behalf And also to transmitt an acco^t thereof to me.

You are also after the same are legally Condemn'd to gett the said Ships Vessells Goods & other Droits & perquisites aforementioned appraised upon the oaths of four persons at the least & after Appraisement made as afd You are to sell publickly by Inch of Candle Due notice being first Given by the Space of fourteen days at the least in the most publiq places of the said provinces or either of th^m of the time & place of sale to the best & fairest Chapman And the proceed thereof after a Reasonable Defalcacōn of what Charges you shall be att & a reasonable Allowance for your pains & trouble in the prosecutions Appraisements & Sales of the aforementioned You are to transmitt to me in the most Convenient Manner & with all speed imaginable together with a particular & the Appraisement of all such Ships & Goods Condemn'd & also of the burthen of the sd Ships & the Quantitys & Qualitys of the said Goods.