Lib. H. D. Capt Richd Smiths Como from the Affrican Company of England have made Ordeined Authorized Constituted and Appointed and by these preents do make Ordeine Authorize Constitute and Appoint and in our Stead & place put our Trusty ffriend Richard Smith now residing in the Colony of Maryland in America our True and Lawfull Attorney for us and in our Name to Ask Demand Sue for recover and receive all Suits Sume or Sums of money as shall be become due & payable unto us from the Collector or Collectors of his Matys Customs or any other person or persons whatsoever in any part of the Said Colony of Maryland afd for or by Virtue of an Act of Parliamt Intituled an Act for Settling the Trade to Affrica Giving and by these presents granting to our said Attorney full power and Lawfull Authority for and in our Names to Sue for prosecute Implead Imprison and proceed against all and every or any Collector or Collectors or other person or persons whatsoever within the Said Colony of Maryland from whom any Duty or Dutys, Sume or Sums of money are due and payable or appointed to be paid unto us or to our use by the Act of Parliament aforementioned and upon payment and Satisfaction made to Acquitt release and discharge the Same and one or more Deputy or Deputys under him to Substitute and againe att pleasure to revoke and Generally to Act and do whatsoever shall be requisite and needfull in and touching the premisses as full and Effectually to all Intents and purposes as we the said Company or any of us might or could do if we or any of us were personally present and did the Same ratifying and Confirming all and whatsoever our Said Attorney shall do or Cause to be done in the premisses, In Witness whereof we the said Royall Affrican Company of England have caused our Common Seale to be affixed hereunto the 25th Day of June Ano Dni 1700, and in the 12th year of the reign of our Sovereigne Lord King William the 3d over England &c Defender of the ffaith &c. Sealed with the Common Seale of the said

Company in the presence of Ino Pery Secry Ino Robinson

Maryland ss.

Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r Cap^t Gen^{ll} and Govern^r in Chief p. 251 in and over this his Matys Province of Maryland and the Territorys thereunto belonging To Robert ffinley Gentⁿ Greeting

Whereas Peter Iennings Esq^r Collector of his Matys Customs of the District of Putuxent within this Province has lately Signifyed unto me his Intention of Speedily departing