

from hence to the Kingdom of Engl^d upon Some Urgent Lib. II. D.
Affairs requireing his presence there haveing Intimated to me p. 251
that he would Saile with the first Ship that would be Cleared
out of this Province whereby the said Office or place of Col-
lector of his Matys Customs in the said District will be Vacant
and no person within this Province being Qualified by any
Comission from the hon^{ble} the Com^{rs} of his Matys Customs in
England to Officiate and Act in that Station I do therefore to
the End his Matys Service and Interrest in the said District
may not neglected or prejudiced, Having Great Trust and
Confidence in your fidelity Loyalty Skill Care Integrity and
Circumspection do hereby Nominate and Impower you the
said Robert ffinley to Officiate and Act in the Said Office and
Station of his Matys Collector of Putuxent Aforesaid Untill
such time as Some other person shall be Appointed & Com-
missionated thereunto by his Matys Comissioners of his Customs
in the Kingdom of England or untill their Direction and
pleasure shall be known therein Hereby Giveing And Grant-
ing unto you the s^d Robert ffinley full Power and Authority
to Enter and Clear all and all manner of Ships and other
Vessells Whatsoever which shall Trade and Come into the
District aforesaid And in all other things relateing to the said
Office to Act and Do as fully and as Amply as any other
of his Matys Collectors may or Can do by Virtue of Such
their Offices aforesaid To have hold and Enjoy all and Sing-
ular the ffees Sallarys perquisites and Advantages thereunto
belonging for and Dureing pleasure or untill such time as his
Matys Comissioners of his Matys Customs in England shall
Signifye their pleasure therein Given under my hand and
Seale att the Town and Porte of Annapolis the Twenty second
Day of March in the Eleaventh year of the reigne of our
Sovereigne Lord King William &c Over England &c Anoq
Dni 1698/9

N: Blakiston

[Commission to W. Bladen.]

Maryland ss.

Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r Cap^t Gen^l and Gov^r in Chiefe in
and over this his Matys Province of Maryland and Territorys
thereto belonging and Vice Admirall of the Same To W
Bladen Gent Greeting.

Haveing Speciall Trust and Confidence in your fidelity
Integrity knowledge and Circumspection I Do hereby Nomi-
nate Constitute and Appoint you the Said W Bladen to be p. 252
Navall Officer of the Porte of Annapolis within this his Matys
Province of Maryland Hereby Giveing and Granting unto
you the Said W Bladen full Power and Authority to Act do