

burgh, in the Character of the Lord Proprietary's Attorney General. Lib. C. B.
No. 20

I have the Honour to be with the greatest Respect, My Lord,
Your Lordship's most Obedient
His Excellency the Right Honble } and very humble Servant
Lord Bottetourt } Robert Eden.

The following Commission and Instructions to the Attorney General being prepared were Read and approved of and Ordered to be Entered.

Maryland ss.

Robert Eden Esq^r Lieutenant General and Chief Governor in and over the Province of Maryland.

To Thomas Jenings Attorney General of the Province of Maryland Esquire and to all Persons to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

Whereas certain Vessels belonging to the Inhabitants within this Province have been Seized in the River Potowmack within the undoubted Limits and Jurisdiction of the Province aforesaid by Sir Thomas Adams or the Commanding Officer for the Time being of the Boston Frigate and the Vessels so Seized have been carried or sent to the Colony of Virginia in order for the Purpose that Cognizance may be taken therein of the Cause or Causes of the Seizures aforesaid, and whereas of Right the local Jurisdiction in such Case belongeth to the said Province of Maryland Now Know ye that I Robert Eden Esq^r Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland lawfully constituted and approved in Maintenance of the just Authority and Jurisdiction of the said Province and of the Rights belonging unto the Right honourable Frederick Lord Baron of Baltimore absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province aforesaid reposing an Especial Trust and Confidence in Thomas Jenings Esq^r Attorney General of the said Lord Proprietary do hereby Authorize constitute and appoint him the said Thomas Jenings in this Behalf in due manner to assert claim and demand that no Cognizance be had or taken within the Dominion or Colony of Virginia in respect of the Premises or any part thereof tending to impeach diminish infringe or derogate from the Jurisdiction Prerogatives Franchises Liberties or Privileges of the said Lord Proprietary. In Witness whereof I have hereto set my Hand and caused the Great Seal of the Province to be affixed this Seventeenth Day of July in the Twentieth year of his Lordship's Dominion Annoque Domini Seventeen hundred and Seventy. p. 116

Signed by Order.

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