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# To all People to whom These Presents Shall Come wee the

Comm<sup>G</sup> for managing and Causeing to be Leavied and Collected his Ma<sup>t</sup> Customs Subdys  
and other dutys in this his Kingdome of England send Greeting. Know yee that wee the said  
Comm<sup>G</sup> by virtue of an act of Parlaiment made in the 25<sup>th</sup> yeare of his late ma<sup>t</sup> Reigne  
Intituled an act for the Encouragement of the Eastland and Greenland Trades, and for better  
Securing the Plantacion Trade and in Pursuance of the Authority and haue, deputed &  
Impowerd and doe hereby depute & Impower John Payne to be Collector of all the Rates  
Dutys and Impositions Arising & Groweing due to his ma<sup>t</sup> att Potuxen River in his  
Majesties Province of Maryland by virtue of the said Act. Whereby he hath power to Enter  
Into any Shipp Bottome Boat or other Vessell as alsoe into any <sup>shop</sup> House warehouse Hosterly or  
other Place whatsoeuer to make diligent Search into any Trunck Chest Pack Case Tru<sup>p</sup>  
or any other parcell or Package whatsoeuer for any goods wares or merchandizes Prohibited  
to be Imported or Exported or wherof the Customes or other dutys haue not been duly paid  
and the same to Seize to his majesties use and alsoe to put in Execution all other Lawfull  
Powers and Authoritys for the better managing or Collecting the said dutys in all things  
Proceeding as the Law directs. Herby Praying & Requiring all & Every his Majesties officers  
and ministers an all others whome it may concerne to be aiding and Assisting to him in all  
things as becometh. Given under our Hands & Seals of the Custome House London this  
nineteenth day of Aprill in the Thir<sup>d</sup> year of the Reigne of our Souveraigne Lord King James  
the Second annoz Dom<sup>m</sup> 1687

Jo Verden

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Buckworth

T Chudleigh

D North

On the back side

Jan<sup>y</sup> y<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1687

The within mentioned John Payne was sworne his Majesties Collector in Potuxen District  
before us.

Henry Darnall Sealed  
Wm Digges.

Maryland 16<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1687

I John Payne do<sup>e</sup> depose upon the holy Evang<sup>el</sup> that I will duly and truly officiate  
the place and office of his Majesties Collector in Puttuxen District in the Province of  
Maryland according to my Commission Instructions and Obligations Correspondent to that  
office And give a true & Exact Accomp<sup>t</sup> as that office & the Lawes Requires me to doe,  
and when thereunto Required.  
Soc Help me God.

John Payne Sealed

Jurat Coram nob<sup>s</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1687

Henry Darnall

Recd March the 3<sup>d</sup> 1687

Wm Digges

R Tull Esq

By this Publick Instrument of procuracion or letter of attorney be it knowne &  
manifest unto all those who shall see these presents or hear the same read. That on  
the fifth day of the Moneth of September 1687 and in the Third yeare of the  
Reigne of Our Souveraigne Lord James the Second by the Grace of God King of England  
Scotland France & Ireland defender of the faith &c Before Nicholas Hayward Notary  
and Tabellion Publick dwelling in London admitted & sworne and in presence of the