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J R Beverley Secy

Robert Cotton Knight & Thomas Frankland Esq. their Majties genl^l post mast^r Genarall in the Kingdoms of England Scotland & Ireland and in all their Majties other Dominion Territories & Isles thereto belonging in Europe Africa and America:

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting Whereas their Majties by their Letters patents under the Great Seal of England bearing Date at Westminster the seventeenth day of February in the 4th year of our said Majties Raigne have given and granted unto Thomas Neal Esq. his Executors Administrators and assigns full power Authority to execute and establish and from time to time during the term therein mentioned to continue and enjoy within every or any of the Chief ports of the severall Islands Plantations & Colonys belonging at this time unto their Majties their heirs or Successors in America an officer or officers for the receiving and dispatching of Letters and packets with full Power and authority and free liberty leave and licence to and for him the said Thomas Neal his Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} and assigns and to and for such person and persons as he or they shall from time to time nominate to receive at the respective Offices aforesaid of and from any Masters of Ships passengers or others any Letters or packets whatsoever which should be brought into the said Colonys or Islands or any of them from England or any other parts whatsoever or which should be sent from any place or places of the respective Colonys or Islands or from any other parts or places of the said Colonys or Islands to whom or to which they should be directed or sent within the said Colonys & Islands or any of them and to take and receive to the only use and behoofe of him the said Thomas Neal his Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} and assigns the postage or conveyance of all such Letters or packets as shall be soe dispatched sent away Carried or Delivered all such rates and Summs of Money as shall be proportionable to the rates for the post or carriage of Letters set downe and ascertained in and by any act of Parliament made in the 12th year of the Raigne of his late Majties King Charles the second intituled an act for erecting and establishing a Post Office and such other rates or Summs of Money as the planters and others will freely agree to give for their Letters and packets upon the first settlement of such office or offices and alsoe full power and authority free liberty leave and licence at the office or offices soe to be settled as aforesaid to collect and receive such Letters or packets as the planter or any other will give send or bring to the same and dispatch of them away for England as shall be directed thither by the first Shipp that from time to time shall be found for any Port or Towne of England to be there delivered to the Deputy or Deputies of their Majties Postmaster or postmasters Genarall for the time being by him or them appointed or to be appointed for