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... James of one thousand pounds of lawful money of England to be paid  
to the said Francis Nicholson Esq. his Ex<sup>ty</sup> Com<sup>rs</sup> or assigns to the w<sup>ch</sup> payment  
well and truly to be made We bind our selves ~~we bind~~ either of us by him-  
self our and either of our heirs Executors Administrators jointly & severally  
for the whole in the whole firmly by these presents with our  
hands and seals November 14<sup>th</sup> 1694

The Condition of the above written obligation is  
such that whereas this said Francis Nicholson Esq. hath Commission  
and appointed the said Capt. W. Dent to be Naval Officer for the  
upper part of Charles County, that is to say beginning at Portobacco  
and goes upwards to the head of the said County in the said Province  
by his Commission bearing equal date with these presents, how if the  
said Capt. W. Dent shall well & truly perform the said Office according  
to the sev. acts of parliament in that behalf made & provided, and shall  
observe the directions contained in the acts of Assembly of this  
Province relating to the duty of Naval Officers, & from time  
to time save defend & keep harbor less the said Francis Nicholson  
Esq. shall sustain at any time by reason of the said Capt. W.  
Dents nonperformance of his said Office (so long as he shall  
enjoy the same) as in the said sev. laws is Enacted & ordained  
then the above obligation to be void & of none effect, otherwise  
to be remaine in full force & vertue

Tested & delivered in the  
presence of us  
Thomas Donck  
Edward Randolph

Wm. Dent (seal)  
John Loman (seal)

The Oath taken by Colonel Francis Nicholson  
Governor of Maryland

You shall swear that you will to the best of y. skill & power soe  
long as you shall continue in the Governmt. of Maryland  
well & truly execute & perform, and cause to be executed & per-  
formed all matters & things w<sup>ch</sup> by the statute made in the 12<sup>th</sup>  
year of his late Ma<sup>ty</sup> King Charles the second his Reign, Entituled  
an act for the Encouragement & increasing of shipping & naviga-  
tion, & by the other statute made in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of his said  
Ma<sup>ty</sup> King, Entituled an act for the encouragement of  
trade, you are required as Govern<sup>r</sup> or Comander in Chief of  
this plantation to be sworne to the performance of  
So help you God

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