

It is now about a yeare since his Ma<sup>ty</sup> was pleased to Grant me his Letters Patents for all  
 Wrecks, Derelicts &c<sup>o</sup> betw<sup>en</sup> the latitudes of twelve degrees South and forty degrees North for  
 twenty yeares for the securing of which and for the settlement of due correspondencies I have  
 made & appointed Trustees & Agents who have already used severall Methods of Discovery  
 and also considered that it is necessary for preventing any Disputes that may happen betw<sup>en</sup>  
 the persons Employed by them and other Discoverers (Easters or any others) That their Ma<sup>ty</sup> afores<sup>d</sup>  
 Letters Patents be Inrolled in the severall Governm<sup>ts</sup> belonging to the Crowne of England that are  
 comprehended within the Limits of the said Grant In order whereunto I have by their advice  
 Intrusted

my Agent & Attorney for this affaire and have transmitted unto him a Duplicate  
 of the said Grants for their Inrollment in the Records of the Governm<sup>ts</sup> of  
 and Pray your Countenance and Assistance of him the said  
 in pursuance of the Rights and Profitts granted to me therein that their Ma<sup>ty</sup> intended favour may  
 not be diverted nor avoyded.

I have Directed my said Agent at all times to give me or my Trustees an acco<sup>t</sup> of your  
 favours and regard towards him that I may acknowledge the same and wherein I may  
 be any ways serviceable to their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Province und<sup>r</sup> your Care or to your selfe you may rely  
 on

Your humble servant  
 Schonburg & Lemster  
 To His Excellency  
 Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Capt<sup>l</sup>  
 Gen<sup>l</sup> & Governor in Chief of  
 their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Province of  
 Maryland

For  
 His Grace having Communicated this Inclosed Letter to the Govern<sup>r</sup> of Maryland unto his Trustees  
 in the above said affaire hath desired us to acquaint you that we shall at all times hold Corre-  
 spondence with you and receive your Letters and Informations for the advantage of his Grace and  
 others concerned And we doo further acquaint you that wee have agreed to allow to your self  
 and others Employed by you out of any Wrecke Derelict &c<sup>o</sup> that you or they shall discover  
 to seize and board one tenth parte of the Cleare profits thereof for your Encouragement in  
 this service, you may at all times direct your Letters for us to J<sup>r</sup> James Houbton of this City  
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Your humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
 J<sup>r</sup> Houbton  
 H. Scardvile  
 J. Horke

London. March 22<sup>th</sup> 1693

*[Decorative flourish]*

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