

all respects as we our selves might or could doe were we personally present — Ratifying and allowing for firm and effectuall all and whatsoever our said Attorney — shall Lawfully doe or cause to be done in our names, and to our use in pursuance of those professions In Witness whereof I the said Meinhardt Duke of Schonburg & Lemster and we the said Sr James Houlton Henry Scardevile and John Dook have hereunto set our hands and Seales the Twenty Eighth day of March in the Sixth Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King and Queen Defenders of the Faith &c Anno Domini 1694.

Schonburg & Lemster (Seal)

Sealed & delivered in the presence of us,

Wm Thompson

Edw Stanton

Jam Briggs

Ja Houlton (Seal)

Hen. Scardevile (Seal)

J Dooke (Seal)

Sealed & delivered by his Grace Duke of Schonburg in the presence of Capon John Fraigneau

By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admirall of England, Ireland &c

Whereas Request has been made unto Us by Francis Nicholson Esq. Cap. Gen. Governour in Chief in and over their Maj. Province and Territory of Maryland in America that he may hold the place of Vice Admirall of the Province and Territory of Maryland in America, Which we have thought fitt according to the Power given Us by their Ma. Commission under the Great Seal of England to grant There are therefore to Direct and require You to Cause Letters Patents of the Vice Admiralty of the Province and Territory of Maryland in America to be issued out of the High Court of Admiralty in their Ma. Names to the said Francis Nicholson Esq. to continue until further Order in as Large and Ample manner as the same has been formerly granted to any others, or according to the usuall Forme of Letters Patents granted to Vice Admiralls in England with Power to ordaine and appoint his Deputies and Under Officers and with Proviso that Just Licent be made every yeare and in Default the said Letters Patents to cease and Determine for which We shall be your Warrant Dated at the Admiralty Office this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1694

For Charles Hooper Esq. Judge of the High Court of Admiralty

By Com. of the Com.

John Dooke

Jonathan Swift Esq. Secy. to the Admiralty