

# Commission to Tho<sup>s</sup> James Mainer

Excellent Lord Proprietor of the provinces of Maryland  
 and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c<sup>o</sup> to all persons  
 to whom these presents shall come greeting know you that  
 we for divers good considerations as the tenor moving have  
 Given and Granted and by these presents do Give and Grant  
 unto the bearer hereof Thomas James Mainer full & free  
 power Liberty License and Authority to pass and trans-  
 port himself and his help out of our province of Maryland  
 and through any parts thereof to trade and Commerce  
 for beaver or any other Commodities with the Dutch  
 men in Hudsons River with any Indians or other People  
 what soever being or inhabiting to the Northward without the  
 Capes commonly called Cape Henry and Cape Charles wil-  
 ling and Requiring all such as shall accompany him  
 in the said voyage to be obedient to him in all his lawful  
 Commands and also willing and Requiring the said  
 Thomas James not to sell or Barter or otherwise Give or  
 lend any Arms powder or Ammunition unto any In-  
 dian or Foreigner whatsoever upon pain of such severe  
 punishment as such a Crime shall deserve and we will  
 that this our Commission continue in force for the space  
 of one whole Year ending the date hereof Given at our  
 Fort of Saint Marys this 12<sup>th</sup> February in the Year of  
 Our Lord &c<sup>o</sup> 1637 witness our hand &c<sup>o</sup>

By the Governor and Council this  
 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1637

The Governor and Council taking into Consideration  
 the many <sup>Insolencies</sup> Insolencies Mutinies and Contempts of the God  
 of this Providence formerly committed by divers of the In-  
 habitants of the Isle of Kent and that the Warrants