

Wreck and whether any untimely death of any person
hath happened therein and by what means and if you shall
find any such wreck to have happened to take an inventory
of the Vessel wreck and of all Goods therein being or belonging
to her and the same to seize to our use and deliver to our Recei-
ver General forthwith upon your Return to Saint Marys and
for so doing this shall be your warrant Given 26 April 1638

Cecilius &c^s to our trusty John Boteler of the Isle of
Kent, Greeting whereas in so Remote an Island and situate
among divers Savage Nations the incursions as well of the
Savages as of other Enemies Pyrates and Robbers may pro-
bably be feared therefore we reposing especial trust and Con-
fidence in the approved discretion Skill and Experience of
You the said John Boteler do by these presents appoint You
to be Captain of the Militia Band of that Isle of Kent in
all Martial matters and do Give unto You full power to levy
muster and train at such time and place as you shall ap-
point all sorts of men able to bear arms within our said Isle
for the time being / the Commander of the said Island only
excepted / and in case of any sudden invasion of Savages
or Pyrates to make war and to use all necessary means to the
resistance and Vanquishing of the Enemy as likewise to execute
Martial Law against any mutinous or disorderly persons
of your Company which shall any way Offend against the
Law Custom and discipline military and we do further hereby
Authorise you to elect and appoint such and so many Ser-
jants or other Officers for your assistance in the Charge hereby
Committed unto you as you shall think fit and we do fur-
ther Authorise you to make and publish any Orders which
you shall think fit for the defence and safety of the Island
and we do hereby Straightly enjoin and Command all persons
whatsoever within the said Isle of Kent for the time being
after this Commission shall be published in the same Isle