

have thought fit to make a standing Gage for all Tobacco
 to be made within this province and the Gage to be
 Observed by all Cooper and others ^{setting up Cask} until it shall be further
 Ordered by an Assembly and all Magistrates are hereby
 hereby authorized and required in their respective Limits
 both upon Complaint or view of such Cask not made ac-
 cording to the said Gage hereafter specified to destroy them
 the Gage to be viz^t 43 Inches in length and 26 Inches
 over in the head

The 23^d of March 1656

Present

Captain William Fuller	Mr Michael Brooks
Mr Richard Preston	Mr William Parker
Mr Edward Lloyd	Mr William Parrot
Mr Thomas Meeres	

Whereas the Militia of this province by reason
 of the death and absence of some of those into whose hands
 it was committed especially in the County of Rutland
 is not attended to whereby the Inhabitants is left to the
 incursion of the Indians and others that may seek the
 disturbance of the peace and safety of this province it is
 therefore Ordered for the further settlement thereof that
 the Inhabitants may be the more secured thereby Commis-
 sions be Granted to such as may be chosen to be Captains
 in several Respective Limits as need shall require and for
 the present that Mr Woodman wholly be empowered by
 Commission to be Captain over and to exercise all the
 Inhabitants and to see that they have and keep their
 Arms fit and in readiness from Mr Brooks planta-
 tion on both sides the River of Rutland and upwards
 and Lieut Henry Keen be empowered by Commission to