[illegible] Ceiling &c. To our trusty Richard [illegible] Esq. of Kent greeting. We willing upon [illegible] and provident circumspection [illegible] committ unto you the Admiralty of all the seas within the [illegible] Jurisdiction, belonging to our Crown of England, as [illegible] Thomas Adams late of [illegible] Esq. of Kent deceased, at the time of his decease, [illegible] by reason of [illegible], made unto us in that behalfe, that you make or cause to be made inventory of the goods and chattels of the said Adams, or in default of such inventory as aforesaid, and the same so made, a true and perfect Inventory of all the said goods and chattels, and cause the same to be sold at an outcry to the best value, and the money arising by such sale thereof, and the said Intestate's debts being first paid, and reasonable funeral charges deducted, the residue of the said goods and chattels to deliver to our Counsellor of the Admiralty for the time being, at such time as by him shall be required, and to make a true account of your doings herein unto us or our said Counsellor of the Admiralty for the time being, when you shall be thereunto required. Hereof fail not as you will answer the contrary at your perill. Given under our Signet at our Court at [illegible] the [illegible] day of [illegible] in the [illegible] year of our Reign.

By Writ of Privy Seal.

Ceiling &c. To our trusty Richard [illegible] of Kent greeting. We reposing especial trust and confidence in your fidelity and circumspection, do by these presents constitute and appoint you the said Richard Admiral of Kent. Giving unto you full power and authority to take unto you the Vice Admiral of Kent for the time being, and such other our officers, ministers and subjects as you shall think fit and necessary, and them or any of them to associate unto you, and by your self or them or any of them to call before you all such persons as you shall think fit, and to enquire of all and all manner of treasons, misprisions of treasons, felonies, murders, piracies, robberies, and all other offences and misdemeanors whatsoever done or committed upon the sea within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, and of the accessaries and abettors of the same, and to hear and determine the same according to the laws and customs of our Realm, and to punish the offenders therein by fine and imprisonment, or otherwise according to the quality of their offences, as to you shall seem meet, and to take bail and mainprize for the appearance of any person that is or shall be committed to prison for any of the said offences, and to deliver him or them out of prison upon bail or mainprize, and to take order for the safe keeping of the prisons belonging to the Admiralty, and to punish the keepers thereof for any escapes of prisoners committed to their charge, and to commit to prison any person that shall be refractory or disobedient to you in the execution of your office, and to certify us or our Privy Council of your proceedings therein from time to time, as you shall be required. And we do hereby require and command all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace, Bailiffs, Constables, and all other our officers and ministers, and all other our loving subjects whatsoever, to be aiding and assisting unto you in the execution of this our Commission, and of the powers and authorities therein contained, as they will answer the contrary at their perill. Given under our Signet at our Court at Whitehall the 28. day of June 1642.