

and further I do hereby declare that for the maintenance  
and Salary of such Clerks as shall be necessarily employed  
by you under the said Robert Ridgley in and about the do-  
ing and executing the Offices and places aforesaid shall be  
besides what I have before given and granted to the said Rob-  
ert Ridgley I will out of the fees issuing from the said places  
~~with~~ ~~out~~ ~~the~~ ~~whole~~ ~~Charge~~ In witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand at London this fifth day of June  
in the 39<sup>th</sup> Year of the dominion of Charles & Anne our Kings  
1671.

## Instructions and powers for Robert Ridgley

Imprimis You are hereby empowered and Required after  
my departure diligently to attend the management of all  
Business that shall come to your hands to be dispatched  
by you as you are deputed and Authorized by me either as  
I am Secretary or Publick Notary of the Province or Chief  
Judge for probate of wills not omitting at the signing of  
all Testamentary business to insert that you sign by my  
Order and Appointment

Secondly You are to get the Books of fees ready early and  
deliver them to the several Sheriffs of the severall and Res-  
pective Counties with an execution general at the end of  
each Book signed and sealed by His Excellency

Thirdly You are hereby empowered to take the proof of all  
such Rights for Land as shall be offered by any persons  
demanding Benefit of his Soldiers Conditions of Plantation  
hereby requiring you to admit of no rights unless by oath  
of the party entering them it appears such rights are Originally  
due to them as persons either transported by or consigned