

Hereto Contained And that the first Lieutenant who shall be at the time of
 your Death or absence residing within our Province of Maryland Doe Preside in our
 said Council with such powers & preeminences as any former president hath
 used and enjoyed within our said province or any other our Plantations in America
 until as Pleasure be further knowne or your arrivall as aforesaid Lastly Wee doe
 hereby Doe Ordaine and Appoint that you the said Francis Nicholson shall &
 may hold Execute & Enjoy the Office & place of Captain General and Governour
 in Chief in and over our province & Territory of Maryland together with all
 and singular the Powers & Authorities heretofore Granted unto you for & during our
 Will & pleasure In Witness whereof Wee have caused these our Letters to be
 made Patent Witness our selves at Westminster the tenth day of February
 in the fifth year of our Reigne.
 Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

Whitehall

Afterwards Produced their Majties Commission Under the Seals of the High
 Court of Admiralty in England Dated the fifth day of March Anno 1693, &
 giving ample power and Jurisdiction unto the aforesaid Francis Nicholson
 Esq to Exercise Use and Enjoy the Authority & Right of a Vice Admirall
 here within all the Limits & precincts of the aforesaid Province.
 The Commission Runneth in these following Words, Vizt.

Governor Nichol-
sons Commission of
Vice Admirall

Guilielmus & Maria Dei Gratia Anglia Scotia Francia & Hibernia
 Rex & Regina fidei defensores &c. **Dilecto** Nobis Francisco Nicholson Armigero
 Salutem ad Cognoscendum & Procedendum in quibuscumq; causis Civilibus & Maritimis
 atq; Litis Contractibus Debetis seu quasi Debetis Criminibus placitis Debetis
 Excambijs Computis Chartis partitis Conventioibus Litibus transgressionibus & alijs
 iniurijs Detractionibus & Demandis ac Negotijs Civilibus & Maritimis Motis seu Motionibus
 quibuscumq; inter Mercatores aut inter Proprietarios Navium & aliorum Vasorum
 et Mercatores seu alios quoscumq; cum visum Dominis & Proprietarijs Navium et
 Vasorum quorumcumq; infra Jurisdictionem Maritimam Admiraltatis
 Nostrae Provinciae et Territorij Nostrorum de Maryland in America Occupatorum
 vel Habitatorum seu inter quascumq; alias personas qualitercumq; habitis factis-
 initis -