

is therefore please the Order as it is hereby Ordered that the Right Hon. <sup>etc</sup> John Comber Kent. principall Secretary of State doe send the said Draught to be prepared for his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Loyal Signature in Brasse upon the Great Seale.

Rich. Longe

At the Court at Whitehall  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1693.

Present,

The Kings most Excellent Ma<sup>ty</sup>  
in Council.

Nicholson

Oath taken by  
Wm Nicholson Gov:  
of Maryland.

His Ma<sup>ty</sup> having been graciously pleased to constitute Colonel Francis, to be their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Maryland in America, the said Wm Nicholson, this day at the Board, took the Oath appointed by the Acts of Trade and Navigation to be taken by the respective Governors of their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Plantations.

Wm Bridgeman.

Whitehall

The Commission of Vice Admirall was, Ordered to be ~~the~~ likewise recorded in the said Council.

The following Papers doe Relate to this Exercise obtaining his Commission of Vice Admirall &c.

1. I hereby Certify, that a Commission is passing Under the Great Seale of England, Constituting Col<sup>l</sup> Francis Nicholson Cap: General and Governor in Chief of their Ma<sup>ty</sup> Province and Territory of Maryland in America.

Wm Stalham

Council Chamber the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan:  
1693.

By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admirall of England Ireland &c.

Whereas