

Sir of the Right Hon^{ble} Jam

Colonel Nicholson Govern: of Maryland.

Your most humble servant, J. Ashburne

The following Papers doe relate to His Ex^{ty} - Lord Nicholson being constituted Attorney for his Grace the Duke Schonburg and Lembor to receive & take into his possession all Wrecks &c within the Limits of this Province for his said Grace's Use.

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Cap: Gen: & Governor in Chief of these Ma^{ties} - Province of Maryland.

His Grace the Duke of Schonburg & Lembor
to Gov: Nicholson

Is now about a year since his Ma^{ty} was pleased to Grant me his Letters Patents for all Wrecks, Deiricks &c: Between the Latitudes of Twelve & Degrees South and Forty Degree North for Twenty years, for the securing of which and for the settlement of due Correspondencies I have made and appointed Trustees and Agents who have already used severall Methods of Discovery and also considered that it is necessary for preventing any disputes that may happen between the persons employed by them & other Discoverers, (Coasters or any others) that their Ma^{ties} above said Letters & Patents be Inrolled in the severall Governm^{ts} belonging to the Crowne of England that are comprehended within the Limits of the said Grant In Order whereunto I have by their Ma^{ties} Com^{ds} entrusted

my Agent and Attorney for this Affaire and have transmitted unto him a Duplicate of the said Grant for its Inrollment in the Records of the Government of And pray

your countenance and assistance of him the said in pursuance of the Rights & profits granted to me therein
that their Ma^{ties} intended favour may not be diverted nor avoided.

I have directed my said Agent at all times to Give me or my Trustees an Account of your Ex^{ty} - favour & regard towards him that I may acknowledge the same and wherein I may be any ways serviceable to their Ma^{ties}