

Instructions by the Commission: for Managing, Carrying,  
to be Carried his Maj: Customs, Subsidies & other Duties  
in England to George Layfield Compt: & Sur:yo: of all  
the Rates, Duties & Impositions arising and growing due to his  
Maj: in his province of Maryland by an Act of Parliam<sup>t</sup>  
made in England in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his late Maj: Reign.

1.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the said Act made in the 25<sup>th</sup> year  
of his late Maj: Reign, Intituled, An Act for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> of the  
Eastland and Greenland Trades and for better securing the plantation  
Trade We have by Direction of the Right hono: the Earle of  
Dorchester Lord High Treasurer of England, Deputed Nehemiah  
Blackiston to be collector of all the Rates, Duties & Impositions  
in his Maj: Province of Maryland, And for the better Carrying and  
Collecting thereof and Accounting for the same We have by the like  
Authority and direction Deputed you to be Comptroler and Sur:yo: of  
the said Rates, Duties and Impositions in the said province of  
Maryland, And because the said Act hath sett the Collection of  
the said Duties under such penalties as are inflicted for Non paym<sup>t</sup> of  
or defrauding his Maj: of his Customs in England, We herewith  
deliv: to you a Book of Rates wherein are contained the principall  
Laws for Managem<sup>t</sup> of the Customs in England, and also the principall  
Laws relating to the plantation Trade, Viz: The Act of  
Navigation made in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of his late Maj: Reign, and the  
afor: said Act made in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his said Maj: Reign for  
better securing the plantation Trade; And you are to conforme your  
self to the severall Rules for Managing his Customs here  
according to the said Laws wherein the same are practicable with  
you.

2.

You are before you Enter upon this Employem<sup>t</sup> to take an  
Oath before the Governo: or Dep<sup>y</sup> Governor of Maryland for your  
true and faithfull discharge thereof: And Whereas there are

severall