

thirty od thousand pounds of Tobacco And for as much as yo^r Pet^r is upon his Voyage and comes here in the way of Trade and that the said Broadbent has no other dependance but on Invoicing out yo^r Pet^r by delays and retarding his Voyage thereby to force yo^r Pet^r to a compliance with his unjust demands -

Your Pet^r therefore humbly supplicates yo^r Ex^{ty} consideration of the Premises and that you will please to appoint a speciall Court or such other suitable wayes and means as your Wisdom shall fitt for the speedy hearing and determining the said Difference

And as in Duty bound he shall ever Pray

Ordered that speciall Commission issue according to the prayer of the Pet^r which said Commission was drawn up and Remains in these words following. Vizt -

William & Mary by the Grace of God King & Queen of England Scotland France & Ireland Defenders of the Faith &c To Capt^{Wm} Barton M^r John Hawkins Maj^r James Smallwood Capt^r Philip Hoskins & M^r Robert Yates of Charles County Gent^l Greeting - Whereas Paul Bickford of Plymouth in the Kingdome of England Mariner humbly set forth unto our Councils that he had been sued by one Joshua Broadbent Merchant who insisted upon speciall Bayle for thirty od thousand pounds of Tobacco signifying withall that he was upon his Voyage and come here in the way of Trade - therefore humbly prayed our speciall Commission might issue for the speedy Tryall of the said Difference now depending and not be tired and wearied out with the dilatory proceedings of his Adversary, which was accordingly granted him, and Wee willing that speedy Justice in like case should be done, Wee reposing speciall Trust and confidence in your abilities prudencies & wisdoms have thought fit to Nominate, constitute and Appoint And Wee do here by these presents Nominate, Create & Appoint you the aforesaid Capt^r William Barton, M^r John Hawkins, Maj^r James Smallwood, Capt^r Philip Hoskins, and M^r Robert Yates Justices and Commissioners for the hearing and determining aswell the afore mentioned difference now depending as all other differences or Law suits which are or may any wise hangen betwixt the said parties during the continuance of this our Commission And for that End and purpose you are hereby Empowered to Call before you Twelve good and Lawfull men of the Vicinity by whom the truth of the Matters may be better be known as also to Summons what Evidences either party shall Require by you to be sworn to say the truth in the premises, and upon the Verdict of the Jury brought in, your final Doome Sentence and determination shall make as to Law & Justice appertaineth, hereby appointing you the

Speciall Commission Granted constituting Capt^r Wm Barton etc to be Justices for the ending all Differences intwixt Bickford & Broadbent -

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