

26<sup>th</sup> March 1760

Maryland

Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore. To all whom these Presents shall come greeting. Know Ye that we reposing Special Trust and Confidence in the Capacity Care and Diligence of Bennett Allen of the City of Annapolis in Our Province of Maryland Clerk Have made constituted Ordained Authorized and appointed And by these Presents Do make constitute ordain Authorize and appoint him the said Bennett Allen to be Our Chief Agent Collector and Receiver General of all Our Rents Arrears of Rents Fines Forfeitures Tobacco or Money for Land Warrants Ferrys Waifs Strays and Deodands of all Duties arising from or growing due upon Exportation of Tobacco or Tonnage of Ships and all other Monies Tobacco or other Effects in any manner or ways now due or hereafter to grow due whether by Protested Bills of Exchange or otherwise to us within Our said Province hereby Granting to the said Bennett Allen full Power and Authority to sell and dispose of all Lands Tenements and Hereditaments to us now Escheated or Forfeited to such Person or Persons as shall agree and pay for them such Reasonable Rates in Money as shall be agreed for with the consent and Approbation of Our Lieutenant Governor Also to inspect into Order manage and Account for all and every other Branch and Branches of Our Revenues within Our said Province whether the same be or grow due by particular Contract Conditions of Plantation Act or Acts of Assembly or by Virtue of Our Royalties Rights Priviledges and Erogatives within Our said Province and for the better and more effectual Execution of the said Powers and Authorities hereby granted We do further Authorize him the said Bennett Allen to give such Directions and Orders to the Naval Officers of Our said Province as Our Lieutenant Governor and he the said Bennett Allen shall think fit and the said Naval Officers are hereby required to obey him accordingly Hereby Ordering and requiring him the said Bennett Allen to remit unto us for Our proper Use by the first and safest Opportunity all such Monies Effects or Bills of Exchange as shall arise grow due or be received by or from Our said Naval Officers or any other Persons on all or any of the aforesaid Branches of Our Revenues And upon Receipt of any Money Bills of Exchange or other Effects sufficient Discharges and Acquittances to give and sign to the Person or Persons concerned or owing such Money Effects and Bills of Exchange And generally to act do perform fulfil and Accomplish according to the Instructions which have been or may be given him all and every other Act and Acts Thing and Things requisite and necessary for the due Execution Performance and Justly Discharging the several respective Offices Powers and Authorities hereby given or granted him or intended to be given and granted to him And We do hereby ratify confirm and hold for good effectual and valid whatsoever the said Bennett Allen shall lawfully do or cause to be done in the Premises notwithstanding any Insufficiencies or Defect in the Words Expressions Clauses or Sentences of this Our Commission and altho every particular Matter Strictly requisite is not herein strictly expressed And We do hereby further for a Compensation Salary and Encouragement to the said Bennett Allen for the punctual Sincere and faithful performance of the Powers and Authorities hereby granted him and in consideration of the Pains Labour and Trouble he shall take in the due Execution thereof Authorize Direct and empower him to take receive and retain to and for his own Use out of all such Monies Tobacco or other Effects as shall be

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