

20th January 1776.

To all People to whom these presents shall come

We the Commissioners for Managing and Causing to be Levied his Majesty's Customs and other Duties in America. Do hereby Depute and Impower M^r. Robert Long to be Landwaiter Weigher and Gauger and preventive Officer at Baltimore in the Province of Maryland to do and perform all Things to the said Office or Employment belonging. By Virtue whereof he hath Power to enter into any Ship Bottom, Boat or other Vessel and also in the day time with a Writ of Assistants granted by his Majesty's Superior or Supreme Court of Justice and taking with him a Constable Headborough or other publick Officer next Inhabiting to enter into any House Shop Cellar, Warehouse or other place whatsoever not only within the said Port but within any other port or place within our Jurisdiction there to make diligent Search and in case of resistance to break open any Door, Trunk Chest, Case, pack, Truss or any other parcel or Package whatsoever for any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes prohibited to be exported out of or imported into the said port, or whereof the Customs or other Duties have not been duly paid: And the same to seize to his Majesty's use and to put and Secure the same in the Warehouse in the port next to the place of Seizure. In all which premises he is to proceed in such Manner as the Law directs.

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Hereby praying and requiring all and every his Majesty's Officers and Ministers and all others whom it may concern to be aiding and assisting to him in all Things as becometh Given under our Hands and Seal at the Custom House Boston this Fourth day of September in the Fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the third and in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Five

Chas: Paxton

Benj: Scollowell. Hen: Scullon

These are to certify all whom it may concern that on the 20th day of January in the Year of our Lord Seventeen hundred and Seventy Five came before me the Subscriber Governor of the said Province Robert Long Landwaiter Weigher and Gauger and preventive Officer at Baltimore and took the Oaths to the Government. Repeated and

Subscribed