

To the Rt. Honble The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury
My Lords Annapolis the 26 Decem^r 1769

In Obedience to His Majesty's Instructions I do myself
the honour to inform Your Idps that upon the Decease of William
Deacon Esq; the late Collector of His Majesty's Customs in the
District of North Potowmack Peter Randolph Esq; Surveyor Gen^l
of the South Part of the Continent of America was pleased by De-
putation under his hand & seal bearing Date the 13th Inst to appoint
John Aidout Esq; of this Province to act as Collector of the afo^d Dis-
trict untill Your Idps Pleasure shall be farther signified, in consequence
whereof Mr Aidout came before me the 24th of this Month & in my
Presence took the Oaths which are ordered to be administered on such
Occasions & also gave Bond to His Majesty in the usual form for due
Performance of his Office for which I believe he is well qualified
& therefore I shall be extremely glad if it be Your Lordship's Pleasure
to approve of the Surveyor General's Nomination & to confirm Mr Ai-
dout in the Office With the utmost Respect I am Y^r Idps

To the Commissioners of the Customs. Annapolis 26 of Dec^r 1769
Gent^l. In Obedience to His Majesty's Instructions I am now to inform
You that upon the Decease of William Deacon Esq; the late Collector
of His Majesty's Customs in the District of North Potowmack Peter
Randolph Esq; Surveyor Gen^l of the Southern Part of the Continent
of America was pleased by Deputation under his hand bearing Date
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