

was bearing date the Twenty fourth day of February
the Twentieth one Thousand Six Hundred Ninety and one
To Captaine Francis Nicholson Appointing & Constituting
Said Francis Nicholson Lieut. Governor of and in the pro-
-vined and upon the Death of the Said Lyonel Copley to
Exercise and Execute the Soverall power & Authority in
the Said Commission to the Said Governor Copley, it appears
to us that their Maties had made Express provision that
the Said Lieut. Governor Nicholson upon the Death of the
Said Lyonel Copley Esq^r should succeed to the Chief Command
in the Province and if not present upon the place at the
Death of the Said Lyonel Copley that the Council should
take upon them the Government of the Province whereof
the first in Council to provide neither doth the Said Commission
to the Said J^r Edmund Andros sufficiently authorize the J^r
J^r Edmund Andros to take upon him the Government afores^d
but upon the Death of the Said Francis Nicholson Esq^r and
Absence of the Said Lyonel Copley Esq^r neither doth the
Proclamation afores^d of the Said J^r Edmund Andros agree
with the Said Commission in reciting that his Access to the
Government was by the Death or Absence of the J^r Francis
Nicholson Esq^r which in the Said Commission is Expressly confined
to the Death of the Said Francis Nicholson and not Absence
neither did the Said J^r Edmund Andros take such Oath for
obeying of ^{a certain} Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth
year of King Charles the Second, reign of Blessed