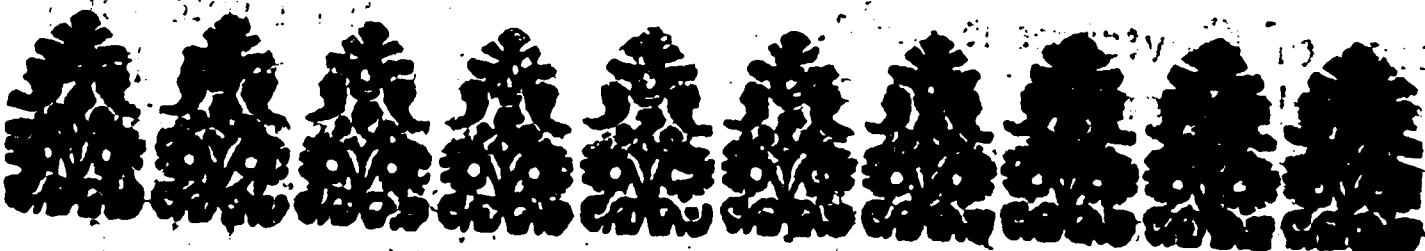


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*Duplicate Instructions for Captain Robert Dennis, Mr. Rich:  
Bennet, Mr. Tho. Heg, and Capt. William Claiborn ap-  
pointed Commissioners for the reducemons of Virginia, and  
the Inhabitants thereof to their due obedience to the Com-  
monwealth of England.*

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**W** Hereas the Parliament of England by an Act intituled, *An Act prohibiting trade with the Barbadoes, Virginia, Bermudas and Antega*, hath committed to this Council several powers therein expressed, for the settling, reducing, and governing the said Islands, printed Copies of which Acts are herewith delivered you. In pursuance whereof, a Fleet is now set forth victualled, armed, and manned under the command and conduct of *Captain Robert Dennis*, to effect by the blessing of God the ends aforesaid, & for the management of that service, you are hereby joyntly nominated and appointed Commissioners: and for your better directions and proceedings therein, you are to follow these Instructions following:

Such of you as are here to repair on board the ships, *John* or the *Guinny* Friggot of the States, which of them you shall think fit, and winds and weather permitting to sail to *Virginia*, as *Captain Robert Dennis* shall direct and appoint: And upon your arrival in *Virginia*, you, or any two or more of you, (whereof *Captain Robert Dennis* to be one) shall use your best endeavors to reduce all the Plantations within the Bay of *Chesapeake* to their due obedience to the Parliament and the Commonwealth of *England*.

For which purpose, you, or any two or more of you, (whereof *Captain Robert Dennis* to be one) have hereby power to assure, pardon, and indemnity to all the Inhabitants of the said Plantations that shall submit unto the present Government, and Authority as it is established in this Commonwealth;