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Trusty and welbeloved William Claybourne one of our Councill and Secretary of State for our Colony of Virginia, and some other Adventurers, with him have Condescended with our Trusty and welbeloved Councillor of both the Kingdomes Sir William Alexander Knt our principall Secretary for our Kingdome of Scotland and others of our loving Subjects, who have charge over our Colonyes of new Scotland and new England to keepe a Course for interchange of Trade amongst them as they shall have occasion as also to make discoveries for encrease of Trade in those parts. And because wee doe very much approve of all such worthy Intentions and are desirous to give good encouragement to their proceedings therein being for the releife and comfort of these our subjects and enlargement of our Dominions. Theis are to licence and authorize the said William Claybourne his Associate and Company freely without interruption from tyme to tyme to trade and traffique, for corne, furs, or any other Commodities, whatsoever with their ships, men, boates and Merchandises, in all Seas, Coastes, Rivers, Creeks, Harbors, lands and territories, in, nere, or about those parts of America for which there is not already a patent granted to others for the sole Trade. And to that effect wee require and command you and every one of you, and particulerly our trusty and welbeloved Sir John Harvey Governor & the rest of our Councill of and for our Colony of Virginia to permit and suffer him and them with their said ships, boates, Merchandises, Cattle, Mariners, servants and such as shall willingly accompany or be employed by them, from tyme to tyme freely to repaire and trade, to and againe in all the aforesaid parts and places as they shall thinke fit and their occasions shall require, without stopp, arrest, search, hinderance or molestation whatsoever, as you any every of you will answer the contrarie at your perill. Giving and by theis presentes granting unto the said William Claybourne full power to direct and governe, correct and punish such of our subjects as shall be under his Command in his Voyages and discoveryes. And for his soe doing this present shall be a sufficient warrant. yeoven at our Mannor of East-Greenwich, the sixteenth day of May in the seaventh yeere of our Raigne 1631

To our trusty and welbeloved our Governor and Councill of Virginia and to all our Leiutenants of Provinces and Countreyes in America, Governors and others, having any charge of Colonyes of any of our subjects, and to all Captaines and Masters of ships and generally to all our subjects whatsoever which theis presente doe or may concerne.