

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Com<sup>miss</sup>rs of his Majesties Customs in London bearing LIB. H. D.  
date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Octob<sup>r</sup> 1691.

And in pursuance likewise of Additional articles of Instructions from their Hono<sup>rs</sup> dated at the Custom house at London the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Septem<sup>r</sup> 1697. Directing me amongst other things that in case of any vacancy of any Officer of the Customs or otherwise to appoint some fitt and able person to serve therein giving notice thereof for their Hono<sup>rs</sup> directions therein. And finding a Vacancy of an Officer of the Customs in the Rivers Bays Creeks and Harbours in Som<sup>r</sup>sett County & in the River of Nanticoke on the Eastern Shoare of the Province of Maryland by the death of John Dashield appointed by Deputation from the Com<sup>miss</sup>rs of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customs to be Surveyor of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customs in the s<sup>d</sup> Rivers, Bays, Creeks, and Harbours. I doe hereby constitute and appoint you the said Robert Dacres to be Surveyor & Searcher of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customs in Somerset County including also Nanticoke River & the Creeks thereunto belonging on the Eastern Shoare of the Province aforesaid with full power to enter into any Ship Bottom Boat or other vessell, as also into any Shop house Warehouse Hostry or other place whatsoever to make dilligent search into any Trunk Chest, pack, Case, Truss or any other parcell or package w<sup>soever</sup> for any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes whatsoever prohibited to be imported or exported or whereof the Custome or duties, have not been duly paid, and the same to seize for his Maj<sup>tes</sup> use, and also to putt in Execution all other lawfull powers & authorities for p. 167 the better manageing & collecting the said Dutyes in all things as the law directs, following & observing all such Rules and Instructions as you shall from time to time receive from the Com<sup>miss</sup>rs of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customs in England, or from the Com<sup>miss</sup>rs of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Customs for the time being. Given under my hand and Seale of Office At the Port of Annapolis this third day of January in the ninth year of his Maj<sup>tes</sup> Reigne Annoq Domini 1697/8 Edw<sup>d</sup> Randolph Surv<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

Part of Esqr  
Poveys Letter  
to his Ex<sup>ncy</sup>  
concerning  
the Revenue

I have at last rec<sup>d</sup> the Accompt from M<sup>r</sup> Plater, w<sup>th</sup> Duplicates, & one from M<sup>r</sup> Muschamp wherein they both discharge themselves of the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the 12<sup>s</sup> p<sup>hh</sup><sup>d</sup> by your Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Ord<sup>r</sup> to remitt the same to England for buying of Arms. But it doth not appear that they have complied therew<sup>th</sup> nor how the Money has been disposed of here, or that any Arms have been received there for it; Or that it hath been otherwise disposed off, to the Fortifications, Brestworks &<sup>ca</sup> if there be any. So th<sup>t</sup> their Vouchers are both imperfect as to th<sup>t</sup> part; Of w<sup>ch</sup> I give them notice. Nor is there any account or Authentick Copy of the other