

and other duties properly belonging to me, were made, transacted, settled and passed in his name though to and for my proper use, account and benefit; and for as much as you have upon the death of the said Edward (having no other estate in the said province, but my estate in trust) taken out letters of administration of his estate, without sufficient authority from me or the executors or administrators of the said Edward; but as I am very well satisfied, to the only end and purpose that my interest should not suffer in that behalf, by waiting for authentic powers and authorities, in that point, which at so great a distance would take up much time and by that means prove detrimental to my affairs. I do therefore for me my heirs, executors and administrators, ratify confirm and hold for good and valid all whatsoever you have done in the premises, *Hereby obliging myself, my heirs executors and administrators, to have harmless and keep indemnified as well yourself as your heirs, executors and administrators, of and from all and all manner of suits troubles accounts claimes or demands whatsoever off by or from the heirs, executors or administrators, of the said Edward Somersett, or any other person or persons whatsoever on account of what you have done or caused to be done in the premises.* Whereas upon the death of my late agent coll. Henry Darnall there was no person in the said province duly authorised from me to undertake the receipt and management of such branches of revenue as my said agent was by me intrusted, and to supply that defect, you, (least my affairs and interest should suffer in that respect) taking upon you to give the necessary directions in the receiving, managing and remitting to me the effects arising by such branches, I do therefore ratifie, confirm and hold for good and valid, all whatsoever you have done or caused to be done in the premises, in as full, large and ample manner with all incidents thereunto as if my commission to you bearing even date with these presents had been actually passed at the time of my said agents death—In case of your death before I make any alterations in the instructions to you, or commissionate any other person in your room; it is my will and I do hereby order and impower major Nicholas Sewell, Mr. Henry Darnall, and Mr. Edward Digges of my said province, the survivor or survivors of them to take upon them the execution of the powers and authorities of my commission bearing even date with these presents, and by these instructions granted you until further order and directions shall be by me given in that behalf; who are to continue as register of my land office at Annapolis, the person at such time by you employed under you in the said office till further order from me. *Whereas* in all grants of land heretofore by my father