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Copley, full power and Authority to erect one or more Court or Courts Admirall within our said Province and Territory for the hearing and determining of all Marine and other Causes and Matters therein to be heard with all reasonable and necessary Powers, Authoritys, Fees and Priviledges.

As also to exercise all Powers belonging to the Place and Office of vice-Admirall of and in all the Seas and Coasts about your Government according to such Commission, Authorities and Instructions as you shall receive from Ourself under the Seal of Our Admiralty or from our High Admirall or Commissioners for executing the office of High Admirall of our fforeign Plantation for the time being.

And forasmuch as divers mutinies and disorders do happen by Persons shipped and imployed at Sea and to the End such as shall be shipt or imployed at Sea may be the better governed and ordered we do hereby give and grant unto you the said Lionell Copley, our Captain Generall and Governor in Chief, full Power and Authority to Constitute and appoint Captains, Masters of Ships and other commanders and to Grant unto such Captains Masters of Ships and other Commanders, Commissions to execute the Law Martiall and to use such proceeding, Authoritys, Punishment, Correction and execution upon any Offender or Offenders which shall be mutinous, sedetious disorderly or any way unruly Either at Sea or during the time of their abode or Residence in any of the Ports, Harbours or Bayes of our said Province or Territory as the cause shall be found to require according to Martiall Law, Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to the enabling you or any by your Authority to hold Plea or have Iurisdiction of any offence, cause matter or thing, committed or done upon the High Sea or within any of the Havens, Rivers or Creeks of our said Province or Territory under your Government by any Captain, Commander, Lieutenant, Master or other Officer, Seaman, Soldier or Person whatsoever who shall be in actuall service and Pay in and on Board any of Our ships of War or other Vessells acting by immediate Commission or warrant from our Commissioners for executing the Office of our High Admirall of England under the seal of our admiralty or from our High Admirall of England for the time being, but that such Captain, Commander Lieutenant, Master, Officer, Seaman, Soldier and other Person so offending shall be left to be proceeded against and Tryed as the merrit of their offences shall require, either by commission under our Great Seal of England as the Statute of 28<sup>th</sup> of T-S 8: directs or by commission from our said High Admirall, according to the Act of Parliament passed in the 13<sup>th</sup> yeare of the reign of the late King Charles the second, of blessed memory, (entituled an Act for the establishing Articles and