

His Excellency the Right Honourable  
**NORBORNE Baron de BOTETOURT,**  
his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the Colony and  
Dominion of VIRGINIA, and Vice Admiral of the same.

To *William Adams Esq.*

**B**Y Virtue of the Power and Authority to me given, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of this Colony, I do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said *William Adams* to be Sheriff of the County of *Fairfax* during Pleasure, and that you be accordingly sworn as soon as conveniently may be; and before you are so sworn, or admitted into the said Office, you are to enter into Bond, before his Majesty's Justices of the said County, with two or more good and sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds current Money, to render to the Auditor and Receiver General of his Majesty's Revenues a particular, perfect, and true Account. of his Majesty's Rents and Dues arising within your County, and also due Payment to make of all other Dues and Fees put into your Hands to collect within the said County unto the several Persons to whom the same shall be due or payable, and true Performance to make of all Matters and Things relating to your Office during your Continuance therein. And I do hereby command all his Majesty's Subjects inhabiting the said County, and others actually there, to be aiding and assisting you, the said *William Adams* as Sheriff of the County aforesaid, in all Things belonging to your Office of Sheriff.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, at *Williamburg*, the *fifth* Day of *November*  
and in the *ninth* Year of his Majesty's Reign.

*Botetourt*

Mr. Adams

~~It is expected from you that you pay obedience to the Terms of  
this Commission and regularly account with the Auditor General  
for the whole sum collected in your County and pay the sum so  
settled to his Majesty's Receiver General once in the year at least  
or oftener as the Auditor shall appoint.~~

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Wm. Adams

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Shd. Comptroller

William Adams