

To all People to whom this present Writing shall Come Wee Benjamin Nicoll, John Rafe, Patrick Walsh & Giles Been of London Merch. Send Greeting
Whereas the Ship called y^e *John & Susan* was about y^e month of August Anno Dⁿⁱ One thousand six hundred ninety & nine fitted out by us y^e said Benjamin Nicoll, John Rafe, Patrick Walsh & Giles Been freighted with sundry Goods & merchandises mentioned in y^e Invoice & Bill of lading then sent with her bound for y^e Islands of *Yucora* & *Enrich* & from thence to *Beliza* And Whereas y^e said Ship *John & Susan* arriving at *Beliza* in y^e month of December then next following was there seized & condemned by y^e sentence of y^e Court of Admiralty held for y^e said Province on Wednesday y^e third day of January following on pretence of her not having a Certificate of Recouter in form according to an Act of Parliament made in y^e seventh & eighth years of his Majesties reign intituled An Act for preventing frauds and regulating a trade in y^e Plantation Trade which sentence was afterwards by Order of y^e Court bearing date y^e thirty first day of July Anno Dⁿⁱ 1701 made a Report from y^e Court y^e said y^e Committee of his Majesties most hon^{ble} Privy Council for hearing appeals from y^e Court aforesaid upon hearing the appeal of us y^e said Benjamin Nicoll, John Rafe, Patrick Walsh & Giles Been from y^e said sentence reversed and set aside and all fines thereupon declared Null & void & Now Know yee that we y^e said Benjamin Nicoll, John Rafe, Patrick Walsh & Giles Been for & upon y^e Special Power & Confidence which we have & do have in our loving friend James Butler of London Merchant, Esq^r made obtained constituted & appointed as in these presents made Ordain constituted & appointed y^e said James Butler our true & lawfull Attorney for us in our names & to use us to sue, demand, levy, sue for recover & receive of & from Elizabeth Blake of b^{ty} Carolina Widow, y^e Relict & Execut^r of Joseph Blake Esq^r late for and of Carolina, Edmund Bellinger of b^{ty} Carolina Esq^r Infamer against y^e said John & Susan & her Goods & Thomas Broughton of b^{ty} Saint Place Esq^r his Majesties Collector of y^e Duties for y^e said Province their & Father of their Executors or Admors, And Also of all other Persons or Persons whatsoever full competent destination & satisfaction by y^e said Ship *John & Susan* and her Cargo, and all Debt, dues & demands, sum or sums of money whatsoever which are in any wise due owing or belonging to us or either of us from y^e said Elizabeth Blake, Edmund Bellinger, & Thomas Broughton their or either of their Executors or Admors, or from any other Person or Persons whatsoever for or in respect thereof, And likewise to sue, demand, levy, sue for recover & receive all singular such wares goods & merchandises, Debts, dues & demands

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Sum & Sum of money whatsoever which now are or shall or may in any wise appear to be due owing Payable or belonging to us y^e said Benjamin Nicoll, John Rafe, Patrick Walsh & Giles Been from any Person or Persons whatsoever upon any Account whatsoever, giving & by these presents granting unto our said Attorney our full & lawfull Authority for & touching y^e recovery & receiving of all y^e Premises aforesaid to sue, demand, levy, sue for recover & receive, seize, arrest, attach, impound, condemn & Court of Prison to deliver, and to compound, agree, acquit, release, & discharge, or to do or more under him to substitute & make again at his pleasure, & likewise to reveal, and further to do perform & execute all & every such other lawfull Act & Acts thing & things whatsoever which by y^e Laws of this Kingdom of England or y^e said Province of Carolina may be lawfully done & performed & which shall be meet, needfull & expedient to be done in as large & ample manner as we our selves could do, if we were personally present & did y^e same personally - Ratifying and for firm & stable, holding all whatsoever our said Attorney or any under him substituted shall lawfully do, execute & do in or touching y^e Premises
On Witness whereof we y^e said Benjamin Nicoll, John Rafe, Patrick Walsh & Giles Been have hereunto set our hands & seals this fifth day of September Anno Dⁿⁱ 1701. In witness whereof Subscribes & signs his Names & seals
Benja. Nicoll
John Rafe
Patrick Walsh
Giles Been

called and delivered y^e paper being first
(of y^e Court) by y^e Presence of us
Peter de la Rive
John Flavell
John Cobb
Benja. Nicoll
John Rafe
Patrick Walsh
Giles Been
Recorded January y^e 12th 1701
J^r Edward Moxley Clerk

To all to whom these presents shall Come Wee Thomas Abney Esq^r Lord Mayor and y^e Aldermen of y^e City of London Send Greeting
Know yee that on y^e Day of y^e Date hereof in his Majesties Court holden before us in y^e Chamber of y^e Guildhall of y^e said City personally Came & appeared the several Defendants hereafter named being Persons well known and worthy of good Repute, And did say solemn Oath which they severally took upon y^e holy Evangelists of Almighty God before us then & there solemnly Declared & testified & depose to & true as in their several Depositions remaining

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