

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 Island of Yucora & Tenich & from thence to Belize And Whereas y^e said Ship being arriving at Carolina 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 then Intituled An Act for preventing frauds and regulating a rise 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 above 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 wee y^e said Benjamin Nicoll, John Rafe, Patrick Walsh & Giles Been for & upon y^e Special Power & Confidence which wee 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 of b^{ty} Carolina, Edmund Bellinger of b^{ty} Carolina Esq^r Infamer against y^e said John & Susan after gave & Thomas Broughton of b^{ty} Carolina 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 laden 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

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, employ, prosecute pursue, seize, arrest, attach, impound, condemn & court of Prison to deliver, and to compound, agree, acquit, release, & to receive on our behalf or more under him to substitute & make again at his pleasure the same 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 wee our selves could do, if wee 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 Witnes whereof wee 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 w^{ch} Testis Publi^{ca} Testimonij Regis Angli^e &c. tertio decimo.

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^o 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 Declare & testify & depose to & true as in their several Depositions remaining

Record in y^e Court afore. is at large Continued, The Tenor whereof is as followeth
viz. Edward Flower of London Marin. maketh oath that he y^e said Depen-
dant about y^e month of August 1697 being Master of y^e ship called Beene Galley
and being at that time with y^e said ship in y^e Bay of Biscay, he y^e said Dependent
was there offered that in case he would sell y^e said ship the
Proposer would pay & satisfy to y^e said Dependent for y^e price & value
thereof y^e sum of Seventeen hundred pounds of lawful money of England
but this Dependent order from his Duties being not to dispose of her for
less then y^e sum of two thousand pounds, he this Dependent did refuse y^e
same sum of Seventeen hundred pounds, and that after wards to this
Dependent's knowledge there was laid out in Carpenter's work done to take
y^e sum of One hundred pounds & upwards besides other Charges of fitting
her out, & had Joshua Pitt of London Gentleman aged twenty five
years or thereabouts maketh oath that he was present & did see Benjamin
Exsell John Gale, Patrick Wicks & Jiles Beene of London Merch. sign, seal
and as their Act & Deed deliver y^e Letter of Attorney now produced unto
him sign & uncancelled bearing date y^e fifth day of September Instant
whereby Constituting & Appointing James Butler of London Merch.
to be their true & lawful Attorney for y^e purposes in y^e said Letter of Attorney
Particularly mentioned, and this Dependent as a Witness to y^e signing, sealing
Delivering thereof did subscribe his name thereto & thereby it doth &
may appear, And this Dependent also saith that he did likewise see & did
see John & John Flavell & other Subscribing Witnesses set & subscribe
their names to y^e said Letter of Attorney, And saith & Particulars whereof
as y^e said Lord Mayor & Aldermen have caused y^e seal of y^e Office of Mayoralty
of y^e said City of London to be hereunto putt & affixed, and y^e said Letter
of Attorney to be hereunto annexed, Dated in London y^e Eleventh day of
September Anno D. 1701. and in y^e Thirteenth year of y^e Reign
of our Sovereign Lord William y^e Third by y^e Grace of God King of England

Recorded January 11. 12. 1701
Edward Moseley Sec. Ric.

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To all People to whom these presents shall come, John Wich of London
Esq. sendeth greeting, Whereas John Earl of North Palatines & West of y^e Province
absolute Lord & Prop. of y^e Province of Carolina (in parts beyond y^e Seas) in or by
a Fort granted, but sumt. or Writing under y^e hand of y^e said Earl, & y^e said
y^e said Province bearing date y^e 12. & twentieth day of July which was in y^e year of
our Lord. 1700. for y^e Considerations therein mentioned, Did during their
Pleasure Constitute & Appoint y^e said John Wich Secretary & Register of that part
of their Province of Carolina that lies betwixt West of Cape Fear, And doth hereby
authorize & give him y^e said John Wich full power to be present at y^e meetings of y^e
Palatines Court & Grand Council, and also to do perform & execute divers other Acts
Matters & things therein mentioned, And also all other Acts & things done lawfully
usually done in that part of their province afores. by y^e former Secretaries and
Registers, And also to take all such fees & perquisites as to y^e office of a Secretary &
Register do belong, And Whereas y^e said Lord Prop. of y^e said Province of Carolina
them or by their other Deed, but sumt. or Writing under their hand & seal
bearing date y^e said 12. & twentieth day of y^e said Month of June 1700. make
Publish or Declare certain rules orders or Directions or Instructions to be
Observed by y^e said John Wich in & during his Secretary & Register's office
And did themselves declare their will to be that y^e said John Wich should have a
Salary of forty pounds y^e Ann. paid him half yearly out of the publick Treasury of
Carolina by their Treasurer for y^e time being to Commence from y^e time of his entrance
on his office, as by y^e said several Instruments or Writings relation being unto them
respectively had more plainly may appear & Now Know y^ell that y^e said John
Wich for divers good Causes & valuable Considerations him thereunto moving
 hath made & nominated Constituted appointed Authorized & Impowered & y^e above
presents doth make Nominate Constituted Appoint Authorized & Impower William
Allen of London Gent. to be his true lawful absolute & irrevocable Attorney Deputy
or Surrogate for & in y^e name place & stead of him y^e said John Wich to & for the
only proper use & behoof of him y^e said William Allen his Executors & Assigns, to do
perform & execute y^e said office & place of Secretary & Register, & to Ask demand
for receive & receive & enjoy y^e said yearly sum or Annual Salary of forty
pounds, and all & every y^e fees perquisites Emolum. Profitts & Advantages which
shall or may from & after y^e first day of November next ensuing y^e Date of
these presents be had or made or be due, payable or recoverable or do or shall
or may belong or in any wise appertain or ought to appertain to y^e said John
Wich or his Attorney Deputy or Assigns or Surrogate for or in respect of his