South Carolina

By the hon.ble Arthur Middleton Esq.r Commander in Chief & Ordinary of the s.d

To John Herbert Esq.r

For the better preservation and just Disposition of the Estate of Willoughby Gibbs late of Goosecreek widdow deceased out of the Confidence of your Integrity the Administration of all and Singuler the goods Chattels Rights & Credits within this Province which were belonging to the said Willoughby Gibbs at the time of her decease to you the said John Herbert I do by these presents Commit and Intrust and you the said John Herbert Administrator of all and Singuler the goods &c. the Premises do by these presents make and ordain & appoint you that a full and perfect Inventory of all the goods &c. the Premises truly and faithfully appraised by three or four Freeholders upon their Oaths you do make and the same under their hands return into the Secretarys office within Ninety Days after the date hereof and that you do truly Pay all and every the said deceased's debts in all manner of Person whatsoever as an administrator ought to do & also that you do render an Acct of your administration whenever you shall be thereunto called by the Governour & Council for the time being and that you be always save harmless and keep Indemnified us and all other officers & ministers against all & whatsoever.

Given under my hand & Seal this thirtieth Day of June Anno Domini 1726

A.r Middleton

Recorded 4th July 1726

Per Hart Sec.ty

Letter of Guardianship to John Musgrove granted to John Herbert

South Carolina

By the hon.ble Arthur Middleton Esq.r President & Commander in Chief in & over his Majesty's Province of South Carolina and Ordinary of the Same

To all to whom these presents shall Come greeting

Whereas John Musgrove an Infant Son of John Musgrove late of this Province deceased hath this day made humble application to me that John Herbert of Goosecreek Esq.r who hath also desired that he may take into his care the Charge and Management of the said Infant and his Estate may be appointed his Gaurdian Therefore for the better Securing of the Estate and for the more Care of all Maintainance and Education of the said Infant, Out of the Confidency I repose in the Wisdom and Integrity of him the said John Herbert, I do hereby commit the Tuition & Gaurdianship & the Education of him the said John Musgrove to the said John Herbert according to his desire hereby charging him that he do maintain him in Meat Drink washing & lodging Schooling Clothing and such good Education as may be & fitting according to the Circumstance and Intrest of the said Infant during his Minority and that the said John Herbert do Inquire into and take Charge & Care of the Estate of the said John Musgrove both real and personal and do all other things as a Gaurdian by Law may or can do and do true and faithfull Account thereof and what Estate of the said John Musgrove shall come to his hands he is to render when & shall be thereunto required by such Gaurdian as shall be Chosen by the said John Musgrove when he shall attain the age of One and Twenty Years

Given under my hand & Seal this thirtieth Day of June in the Twelfth Year of his Majesty's Reign Anno Domini 1726

A.r Middleton

Recorded 4th June 1726

Per Hart Sec.ty

South Carolina

Certificate of Mr. Thomas Kimberly taking the Oaths

These are to Certifie that Thomas Kimberly Esq.r this day came before the hon.ble Arthur Middleton Esq.r President & Commander in Chief of this Province at the Council Chamber in Charles Town and then and there before his Honour did take the Oaths mentioned in a Statute made in the first Year of the Reign of the late King William & Queen Mary Entituled an Act for abrogating the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy & appointing other Oaths and did likewise then and there make & subscribe the Declaration mentioned in a Statute made in the 25th Year of the Reign of the late king Charles the Second Entituled an Act for preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish recusants & that what he did then & there Concerning the Premises was required according to the Direction of the act first aforementioned Witness my hand this 30th day of June 1726

Hen Hargrave Clk Cr.

Charles Town Council Chamber

Recorded 4th July 1726 Per Hart Sec.ty

South Carolina Certificate of Mr Stanaway taking the Oaths

These are to Certifie that James Stanaway Esqr this day came before the Honble Arthur Middleton Esqr President & Commander in Chief of this Province & the Council Chamber in Charles Town and then and there before his honour did take the Oaths mentioned in a Statute made in the first year of the Reign of the late King William and Queen Mary Intituled an act for Abrogateing the Oaths of Allegiance Supremacy, & appointing other Oaths and did then & there likewise make and subscribe the declaration mentioned in a Statute made in the 25th Year of the Reign of the late King Charles the Second Entituled an act for Preventing Dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants and that in all things Did then and there Concerning the Premisses is regularly accordg to the Direction of the Act first above mentioned Witness my hand this thirtieth day of June 1726

Charles Town Council Chamber — Hen: Harg[illegible]

South Carolina Mr Loydells Comission of Naval Officer

George by the grace of God of great Brittain France & Ireland King defender of the faith &c

To James Loydell Esqr Greeting we reposeing Especial Trust and Confidence in your care prudence and ability, [illegible] made Constituted and appointed And by these presents do make Constitute and appoint you to be Naval Officer of Port Royall in this our Province of South Carolina Hereby requireing & Impowering you to take entries of all Ships and Vessells inward bound to or outward bound from our said Port and to do act & performe all such matters and things as the office of Naval Officer in any of our Collonies or Plantations in America doth in any wise appertain or belong To have and to hold the said office of Naval Officer during our pleasure Together with the Fees Perquesits and Profitts Incident to the said office with Arthur Middleton Esqr President & Commander in Chief in & over this his Majestys Province of South Carolina & given under our great Seal of our province this Seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty five and in the Twelfth Year of our Reign

By his Honours Command
Charles Hart Secretary — Arthur Middleton

Instructions for James Loydell Esqr Naval Officer of Port Royall S. Carolina

You are to take Particular Care of the Principal Laws relateing to the Plantation Trade and to Informe your self of each of them Viz. the Act for Encouraging and Encreasing of Shipping & Navigation made in the 12th year of the Reign of King Charles the Second the Act for Preventing fraud and regulateing Abuses in the Customs made in the 14th Year of the said Kings reign the Act for the Encouragement of Trade made in the 15th Year of the said Kings Reign the Act for the regulateing the Plantation Trade made in the 22 & 23 years of the said Kings Reign the Act for the Encouragement of the Eastland & Greenland Trade & Bettey Secureing the Plantation Trade made in the 25th Years of the said Kings Reign and the Act for preventing frauds & regulation of abuses in the Plantation Trade made in the seventh & 8th Years of the Reign of his late King William the third

You are to take a Solemn Oath upon your admission to your office or employment that all the Clauses matters & things contained in the before recited Acts of Parliament heretofore passed and now in Force relateing to his Majts Colonys and Plantations be punctually & bona fide observed according to the true Intent and meaning thereof

Upon your admission to your Employment you are to take the oaths Appointed by the Act of Parliament instead of those of Allegiance & Supremacy & the Test

You must take entries of all Ships or Vessells Inward bound to or outward bound from our said Port of Port Royall that you take Acct of their Loading their bottom (if British or no) what men navigated with all and all other matters required of you by the Several Acts of Parliament relateing to Trade & Navigation

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