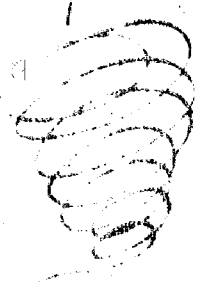


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Edward Earl of Sandwich Governour of the Towne and Island of Barbadoes
his Maies Colonies. To our good Sonne of Honourable Family Gentle person

James I have informed our Consoule here our selfe that severall persons
Inhabitants of Pennsylvania have by their Letters Licences & Plantations do
annually at a certain season of the year, come into, & where you
write in the limits & bound of the Province; on the Sea Coast & ad Wharfe
men, and doe their seize, putt up and buy the Blubber of Drift Whales, and
carry away the same, without the leave, licence, or consent of us, or any other person
thereunto authorized so to doe, to my apparent loss & damage & injury, and in contempt
of this their Maies Governour, as also to the disturbance & prejudice of the Inhabitants
of this Province (who in Right & Justice ought rather principally to be employed
therem) by coming upon their Land, disturbing & driving away their stock
and destroying their woods and Timber. Which to prevent for the future I
and Lionel Copley respecting Especiall trust & Confidence in y^e integrity fidelity
& Circumspection of y^e the said Edward Jeon, doe hereby Constitute Create and
appoint you the said Edward this y^e Only Officer under us for the taking Seizing
putting up and buying the Blubber, & making sure other use & benefit as y^e shall
as y^e shall thinke fitt or possibly can for y^e most advantage of all such drift whales
or other fish, and of all or any other Drift, Wale, or Whale whatsoever, as shall
at any time hereafter happen to come or be cast or shrow on the Seaboard Side th in
the limits & Jurisdiction of this Province. HEREBY fully authorizing & empowering
you the said Edward Jeon by your selfe or Lawfull Deputy, together with the
aid or assistance, of one and so many other person or persons as shall be necessary
or y^e shall thinke fitt to employ therem, autorizingly, to take seize putt up & buy
the Blubber, of all such drift Whales or other fish, and also to seize putt up
into y^e Charge & possession all such other Drift, Wale, and Whale as shall be cast
or cast on Shore or be found floating within the limits & bounds aforesaid & to
keep or dispose to sale, barter away or otherwise dispose of as we shall seem
most & convenient for the best benefit and advantage. You the said Edward Jeon