

at any time hereafter at the request of the said Richard Francis, his Executors or Administrators, by Writing under their Hands resign and surrender the said Office into the Hands of the Secretary of the Province of Maryland by Writing under his Hand and Seal, and shall surrender all things to the said Office belonging to such Person as the said Secretary shall appoint to succeed him therein.

And the said Richard Francis, for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators, doth hereby Covenant to and with the said Thomas, his Executors and Administrators in manner following, First, That he the said Richard will yearly on or before the Tenth Day of June, pay, or cause to be paid to the said Secretary for the Time being, one full Tenth Part of all the Fees in the said List mentioned, for and on behalf of the said Thomas. Item, That the said Richard, his Executors and Administrators, shall find and provide for the said Thomas sufficient Record Books and Paper for all Services to the said Office belonging.

Item, That he the said Richard Francis, his Executors, Administrators or Assigns, shall and will pay to the said Thomas Bullen in Talbot County, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns yearly, during the Time of his continuance in the said Office, the following Sums, viz. for the First and Second Years Six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco each; for the Third and Fourth Years Seven Thousand Pounds of Tobacco each; for the Fifth and Sixth Years Eight Thousand Pounds of Tobacco each; and for each Year afterward Nine Thousand Pounds of Tobacco; and in case the said Thomas Bullen shall Die before the Expiration of any Year, such part of that Year's Salary as shall be proportionable to the Time of his Service fully perfected.

In Testimony whereof, the Parties aforesaid have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered

in Presence of
Berja. Tasker.

Rd. Francis. (Seal)

Tho. Bullen. (Seal)

True Copy.

An exact Copy of the Assignment of the aforesaid Richard Francis to Tench Francis, Viz.

Mr. Thomas Bullen, Whereas I cannot be present in Talbot County to give you Directions concerning the Management of the Office of Clerk of the said County as often as Occasion shall require; you are hereby directed and required to follow the Advice, Direction and Instructions of Mr. Tench Francis in all particulars relating to the said Office, and you are also account with him for and pay to him all Fees to be received,
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