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the 13th December 1671

Robert Ellis Sworn by his Excellency Deputy Clerk of the
Council

Maryland ss^t

By his Excellency the Captain
General

These are to Authorize and Impower you to make Entry and give a License to trade (first having taken Bond According to the Laws of this Province to any open Boat Open Sloop or undecked Vessel that shall come Either to trade or fetch Tobacco in the County of Somerset within this Prov^c and the same undecked Vessels to Clear and discharge upon payment of the Imposition money Port duties and Secretaries fees and the same discharge to sign in my name and also further to empower you in the said County of Somerset to ask demand require and receive the Imposition of two Shillings p hhd for every hhd of Tobacco that shall be Carried out or Exported out of this Province as also the Tunnage and Secretaries fees for every such Vessel as you shall so enter and Clear and further to require you that you look diligently that no Tobacco

p. 87 be Carried out of the said County but that the the duties thereof are paid according to Act of Assembly I hereby allowing you as a Reward for your Care pains and trouble ten p^r Cent out of the said Imposition Money Tonnage and Secretaries fees you to be Accountable and make Payment of the Remainder to me upon demand Provided always that you presume not to enter or Clear any decked Vessel whatsoever to have and to hold the said Office of Collector of the Imposition Money Port duties and Secretaries fees during Pleasure Given under my hand and seal the 25th day of December in the 40th Year of the Dominion of Cecilius &c^a Annoq Domini 1671

To M^r Thomas Walker Gent }
high Sheriff of the County of } Charles Calvert
Somerset these }

On the Back side of the foregoing Commission
was thus written

Instructions to be Observed and followed by Thomas
Walker Collector of Somerset County

You shall Cause every such Undecked Vessel that shall Come to enter with you to enter into two Bonds with security that is to say the Bond of Navigation and the Bond of two shillings p hhd and also into one Bond for the Master of the