



Edward Randolph Esq^r Secretary and Sole
Register of his Majesties Territory and Dominion of New England to Stephanus Van Cortlant
Esq^r Greeting. Whereas his Most Sacred Majesty James the Second by the Grace of God of
England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of y^e faith &c. by his Letters Patents bearing date
at Westminster y^e five and Twentieth day of April last past has for himself his heirs and Successors
Erected Created and Established an office which shall be called y^e Office of Secretary and Sole
Register of his Territory and Dominion of New England in America, and doth thereby ordaine and
Declare, that y^e Person who shall from time to time be appointed to Execute y^e said office shall
have and Enjoy all Privileges Fees, Preeminences, Rights Proffits and Advantages which any other
Secretary or Register of or within any of our Plantations or Colonies in America hath Enjoyed or
Doth or ought to Enjoy ~~in y^e said office~~ and whereas his said Maj^{ty} has also
by y^e said Letters Patents given and Granted unto me the abovesaid Edward Randolph the said office
or Place of Secretary or Sole Register of his said Territory and Dominion To have hold and
Enjoy y^e said Office and Place of Secr^y and Sole Register aforesaid unto y^e said Edward Randolph by
himself or his Sufficient Deputy or Deputies, during his said Maj^{ty} Pleasure. I y^e said Edward Randolph in
Pursuance of y^e Powers by y^e said Letters Patents to me Granted doe hereby Constitute and appoint you y^e said Step-
hanus Van Cortlant to be Deputy Secretary and Register of and in all y^e said Province and Governm^t of New York being
Parte of his Maj^{ty} said Territory, Authorizing and Impowering you y^e said Stephanus Van Cortlant to Execute and Discharge
y^e office of Register and Deputy Secr^y in y^e said Province of New York Giving and granting unto you y^e said Stephanus
Van Cortlant full Power and Authority to Discharge & Execute y^e office of Deputy Secretary & Register of and in y^e said Province
of N^y York, And you are also hereby Impowered to Demand and Receive such Fees & Perquisites as to y^e said
office doe belong and appertaine, In Testimony whereof I y^e said Edward Randolph have hereunto set my
hand and Seal in New York y^e 13th day of October 1600

J^r Randolph Secy.

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