

*Elizabeth*

**Elizabeth** by the grace of God **Queene** of England France and Ireland Defendour of the faith etc. **To our righte trustie** and righte welbelovyd Counsaillor vij. Nicholas Bacon knight lord keep of our greates seale of England greeting. **So we will** and commaunde you by this heereof to make and directe forth the vnder our greates seale of England our and countie Commissions and Articles to be to the same certayne annexed of the forme here vnder written to be directe to such persons and in such our vnderwritten Countie and other place as by hys from us of our privie Counsaill attending upon our person assigned with this hand shall from tyme to tyme be sent unto you and there present. whalbe your sufficient signature and discharge in this behalfes. **Yoven** at our manor of Orlonde the tenth day of October in the first yere of our reigne.

**Elizabeth** by the grace of God **Queene** of England France and Ireland Defendour of the faith etc. **To our righte** trustie and righte welbelovyd etc. greeting. **Where** diverse our disposed persons do it appeareth forgetting the feare of almighty god and the duty of good subiecte whome of late in sundrie besette and chipped frequented the seas upon the coastes of this Realme Robbing and spoilinge houses quiett inhabite and other both of our owne subiecte and of other. p. beinge plentifully in good league and amitie with us. whiche cometh chiefly to passe by reason the said piratall shippes parte are knowen also to be of other nations the at hande of a number of disposed persons dwelling within or neare the habens creekes or landing place of this our Realme and other our dominions secretly refreshed with victualle furnished with munition and other necessaries and sundrie other wayes by buyinge buyinge and exchanginge with the said piratall shippes stolen wayes ayded and schewed to the manifeste contempte of us and our lawes to the greates clamour of this our Realme. like as for the discharge of our duty to god the sovereyn we have alredye used good meanes to findinge punishment not yet remedied as we would. whiche we have thoughte of some other better meanes as we doubt not but shall performe the same fullie. **The life** whiche of our truste other persons our neighbours shall for this pte upon our example be done upon their countie. **And therefore** for the best performinge thereof and for the oportunitie therunto we have conveided of you our wisdom and fidelitee we have chosen and appointed you to have the chief charge vnder us to provide that no such enormities be committed used in the habens creekes and landing place within that our Countie of. D. in such sort and order as by the Articles of Justification as shall from tyme to tyme be sent unto you assigned by us of our privie Counsaill. And to that end our pleasure and commaundement is that you shall have diligentlly p. and considered the said Articles that you shall choose and appointe by this our authorite heereof as your deputies for the execution of the same in the said countie and countie houses shippes and trustie persons dwelling within or neare any of the said habens creekes and landing places within that charge as you shall think necessary for that p. **Having** openallt perceived that they were any of them either in respecte of any office or otherwise by profession man of holdinge or in any other sorte likely for hope of gaine feare of discommoditie of their owne fortunes or any other private respecte or affection to favor any piratall or other offenders usinge them selves in ravinge of things oute of our Realme beinge p. our waye howsoever diligentlly and carefullly attended from tyme to tyme the execution of the said Articles. And for the better execution heereof we will that you shall give to them all order to execute the same charge fullie. **And** that such countie nomber be appointed to be your deputies in this behalfes as we owe of the said habens creekes or landing place be lefte vnp. of sufficient persons to take care and loke therunto in such sort as apperth. **Which** persons or any of them it shall be lawfull for you to remove and appointe other in their places as often as you shall occasion or shall see it requisite. And for that p. you shall w. together or the more parte of you according to the comoditie of your dwellinge oute any moneth at the lease or other waye p. to the said habens creekes and landing place. And vnderstande by the best meanes you maye howe you and your deputies shall have performed the charge committed unto them. So that by your assistance our intention maye be the better fulfilled. And punishment that you shall finde maye be redressed. **And of our** doinge our pleasure is you shall referre our privie Counsaill attendinge upon our person as you have appointed your deputies who they are and howe they charge are distributed. And after that in like maner to advertise your proceedinge once every moneth at the lease. And for the further and more speedie execution of this our purpose we doe authorize you. 3. 6. 7. or 4. of you as you shall see it needfull in any parte of that charge use the best waie to make you p. to the theif. presentlly to imp. and inquire for tryinge oute the truth in the p. and at condement tyme & place to enquire by the othe of vii. good and lawfull men of the said Countie of all such piratall unseamanlike and other matters as are contained in such Articles as you shall from tyme to tyme receive assigned by us of our privie Counsaill. **And so we will** and commaunde all maner of Cheiffe. vicars. Staliffe. Customers. Comptrolers. y. Captaynes of Castles. Souldiers. and all other our officers. ministers and subiecte whatsoever they be to be obedient unto you in the execution of this our Commission as betcometh them. **In** witness wherof we have caused this our heereof to be made patent. **Witness** our self at our castle of Windsor the xiiii. day of October in the first yere of our reigne.

8257



Warrant for passage of Commissions  
of Enquiry

Godde

63