Commission of Colonel Thomas Dongan to be Governor of New-York.

[New-York Entries, CLI. 39.]

WHEREAS it hath pleased y° Kings most Excellent Mat° my Soveraigne Lord & Brother by his letters Pattents to give and grant unto me and my heires and assignes All that part of y° Maine land of New England begining at a certaine place called or knowne by the name of St. Croix next adjoyneing to New Scotland in America and from thence extending along y° Sea Coast unto a certaine placed called Pemaquin or Pemaquid and soe up y° River thereof to y° furthest head of y° same as it tendeth Northward and extendeth thence to y° River Kinebequi and soe upwarkes to y° shortest course to y° River Canada Northward. And also all y° Island or Islands commonly called by y° severall name or names of Matowacks or Long Island situate lyeing and being towards y° West of Cape Codd and y° Narrow Higansetts abutting upon the Maine land betwenee y° two Rivers there called or knowne by y° several names of Connecticut and Hudsons river, together alsoe with y° said river called Hudsons River and all y° land from the West Side of Connecticut river to y° East side of Delaware Bay And alsoe all y° several Islands called or knowne by the name of Martyn Vyniards and Mantukes otherwise Mantukett, 1 together with all y° lands islands soyles rivers harbours mines minerals quarries woods marshes waters lakes fishings, hau[k]ing hunting and fowling, and all other

1 "Nantukes otherwise Nantukett." Official copy in Book of Commissions, I. 59. — Ed.
royaltyes and profitts comôdityes & hereditaments to ye said severall islands lands and premisses belonging & apperteyneing with their and every of their appurtenances. To hold the same by my owne proper use and behoofe, wth power to correct punish governe and rule ye inhabitants thereof by my selfe or such Deputyes Comissioners or Office as I shall thinke fitt to appoint as by his Ma's said Letts Pattents may more fully appeare. And whereas I have since for divers good causes and consideracons by several instrumts undr my hand and seale bargained sold released and confirmed unto Sir George Carterett (late Vice Chamberlaine to His Ma's Household) and his heires, and unto Edward Billing and others and their heires, all ye tract of land (p*cell of ye premisses) comôly called or knowne by the names of East and West New Jersey, scituate on the West side of Hudsons River according to certaine Boundaryes more particularly expressed in ye s*sev'all instrumts and undr certaine rents and covenants as therein relacon bearing thereunto had may more fully appeare. And Whereas I have conceived a good opinion of the integrity prudence ability and fittness of Coll. Thomas Dongan to be employed as my Lieuten* there, I have therefore thought fitt to constitute and appoint him ye said Coll: Tho* to be my L* and Govr within ye lands islands and places aforesaid (except the said East and West New Jersey) to performe & execute all and every the powers w* are by the said lett* pattents granted unto me to be executed by me my Deputy Agent or Assignes To have and to hold ye said place of Lieutenant & Govr unto him the said Coll: Thomas Dongan but dureing my will and pleasure only; Hereby willing and requireing all and every the Inhabitants of the said lands Islands and places (except as before excepted) to give obedience unto him the said Coll. Thomas Dongan in all things, according to the tenour of his Ma*s Letters Pattents, And ye said Coll: Tho Dongan to observe follow and execute such Ord* and direccons as he shall from time to time receive from my selfe. Given undr my hand and seale at St James's the 30th day of September 1682.