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Whereas we did by our Warrant under our Royal Sign Manual dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1771 for the better managing and administering the personal Estate and effects which from time to time become escheated unto Us by virtue of our Royal Prerogative, authorise and empower you among other things as our Procurator General, to require and oblige all persons to whom we shall hereafter be advised to nominate and appoint to take out Letters of Administration to the deceased persons whose personal Estate and effects shall by Law become escheated unto Us, to make out an Account or Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of such deceased so far as have come to their Knowledge, Information and belief, and that such nominees shall make oath to the Truth thereof previous to any Administration being moved for in the Ecclesiastical Court and also to require and oblige all such nominees previous to any such administration being moved for as above to enter into a bond with sufficient Securities, and under such conditions as in the said Warrant under our Royal Sign Manual may more fully and at large appear. And whereas the Commissioners of our Treasury have represented unto Us, that as the regulations and directions contained in our said Warrant extend only to such administrations as are nominated by Us, it frequently happens that the Creditors of deceased persons being Bastards or dying without Kindred or Relations Intestate have obtained Administrations, though the debts due to them from such deceased persons were very small and inconsiderable, and have possessed themselves of the whole of the Estate and effects of such deceased persons, and not accounted to Us for the same, whereby we have been deprived of the just rights of our Crown. Our Will and pleasure is, and we do hereby command direct authorise and empower you as our Procurator General to make diligent search and keep a constant Attention to all such Administrations as have been or may hereafter be granted to the Creditors or pretended Representatives of deceased persons being Bastards, or dying without Kindred or Relations Intestate, and to require and compell by a due course of Law such Creditors or others to exhibit an Inventory and





and to account to Us for the Surplus or residue of the Estate  
and effects of such deceased persons, and to pay the same over  
to you for our Use, in like manner as those Persons who  
have been nominated by Us to administer to such escheated  
Estates are by our Warrant abovementioned directed. —  
Moreover our Will and pleasure is, that all such Monies  
as shall be received by you in consequence and by means  
of the abovementioned directions shall be by you paid over,  
every six months, to such person or persons as the High  
Treasurer, Chancellor and Under Treasurer, or Commissioners  
of our Treasury for the time being shall think fit to appoint  
to receive the same; and the Receipt of such Receiver shall  
be to you a sufficient discharge, in like manner as such  
monies as shall be received by you from those we have  
nominated to administer to Estates escheated unto Us. And  
we are furthermore graciously pleased to grant and direct, that  
such Expences as you shall incur in the searching in our  
Prerogative Court of Canterbury or elsewhere, for such Administrations  
as have been or may be granted to Creditors or others of persons  
being Bastards or dying Intestate without Kindred or  
Relations, and <sup>not</sup> nominated by Us, and also all such  
Law and other charges as you may incur in compelling  
the same to account to Us, and such Allowances for your  
Labour and Attendance in prosecuting and asserting our  
Rights to the said escheated Estates as our High Treasurer  
Chancellor and Under Treasurer, or Commissioners of our Treasury  
for the time being shall think reasonable and proper to be  
allowed to you for such Services, shall be paid to you from time  
to time out of the Fund intended by this and our Warrant  
above cited to be established. And we do hereby direct  
authorise and require you, to take all such further measures  
and precautions in conducting the matters hereby required  
of you, so far as relates to your department as Procurator  
General, as you shall think necessary or convenient, in order  
that these our Royal Intentions hereby signified may be  
duly executed and rendered valid and effectual. And for  
so doing this shall be your Warrant. Given at our Court  
at St James's this thirteenth day of November 1772  
In the thirteenth year of our Reign,

By His Majesty's Command.

To our Trusty and wellbeloved Philip  
Crespigny Esquire our Procurator General  
in our Courts Ecclesiastical

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Directions to the Procurator General for the better managing the personal Estates  
escheated to the Crown



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*King's Warrant.*

*Directions to the Procurator  
General for the better managing  
the purchase of Stales executed  
to the Crown.*

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