

WILLIAMS WINDER, ESQ., CONSUL AT BARCELONA.

Translation of the King of Spain's approval of his appointment, 1728.

\* Whereas William Winder Esqr., of the English Nation, has represented to me, that the Most Serene King of Great Britain has lately appointed or named him Consul of his Nation in Barcelona, as appears by the Original Patent, of the Fourteenth of February of this present year, which he has delivered, beseeching me that I would be pleased to approve of the said Appointment; and I being pleased to condescend thereto do therefore command the Captain General, that now is or shall be, of the Principality of Catalonia, the Governour of Barcelona, and the Judges and Justices, whom the Execution of this my Cedula may any ways concern, that they admit him to the use and Exercise of his employ, by which he is not empowered to exercise any Judicial Act, suffering him only to interpose his arbitrage in the Controversys that shall happen between Merchants and Masters of Ships, or between Masters and Sailors, in order to compose them, conformably to which I will and command that he be admitted to the use and Exercise of his Employ, and that he be suffered to raise and receive the Rights and Emoluments belonging to him by reason of his being such Consul, and that he enjoy all the Exemptions Prerogatives and Libertys which the Consuls his Predecessors have enjoyed without laying any Impediment thereon; and I give him power by virtue of what is contained in his Patent, to name Substitutes in the Places of the Dependency of the said Consulship, where he cannot reside personally, provided that those he shall name be natural Subjects of Great Britain, and only in those Districts where it shall appear that they have been such heretofore in the time of the Government of Charles the Second my Uncle (who is with God) and provided that the appointments he shall make and shall be presented, be Judicial, and that the Vice-Consuls or Substitutes make it appear that they have the same requisites as the said William Winder the proprietary Consul, and that they serve on his Account and Risque, and sollicite and precisely take out a Royal Cedula of my Approbation to enable them to execute their Offices, without which they shall not be admitted to the Use and Exercise of them, for such is my Will. Given at Madrid the 29th of May, 1728.

(LS) I the King,

Juan Baptista de Orendayn.

[Endorsed] Translation of the King of Spain's Cedula of approbation of Mr. Winder's Patent as Consul at Barcelona.

R<sup>wth</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Keene's 14 June 1725.

\* B.M. Add MS Translation, 32756, f. 264.