

America which now forms the State of Maryland, and which in a history of the Country written about forty years after, when other Colonies had also been established, is described as lying “ between the degrees of thirty-seven and fifty minutes or thereabouts and forty of Northern Latitude : “ bounded on the South by Virginia ; on the North by New “ England, New Jersey, and part of New York lying on the “ East side of Delaware Bay ; on the East by the Ocean, and “ on the West by that part of the Continent which lies in the “ longitude of the first fountains of the river called Patow- “ mack.” The tract so granted Lord Baltimore had intended to call *Crescentia*, but in presenting the Patent to the King for his signature he left the naming of it to his Majesty, who proposed that it should be called *Terra Mariæ*, or *Maryland* in honour of his queen *Henrietta Maria*, which was concluded on, and the territory erected into a *Province* by that name.

The affixing of the Great Seal having been some time delayed, Lord Baltimore died before the Patent was completed, and a Grant of the said Province was soon afterwards made to his Son and heir *Cecilius Baron of Baltimore*, his heirs and assigns, bearing date the twentieth day of June 1632, by the description of “ all that part of the Peninsula or Chersonese lying “ in the parts of America between the Ocean on the East and “ the Bay of Chesapeake on the West, and divided from the “ other part thereof by a right line drawn from the promon- “ tory or Cape of Land called *Watkins's Point*, situate in the “ Bay aforesaid, near the River *Wighco* on the West unto “ the main ocean on the East ; and between that boundary “ on the South unto that part of the Bay of Delaware on the “ North which lieth under the fortieth degree of North La- “ titude from the Equinoctial, where New England is ter- “ minated ; and all the tract of Land within the metes un- “ derwritten (that is to say) passing from the said Bay, called Delaware Bay, in a right line by the degree aforesaid “ unto the true meridian of the first fountain of the river “ *Pattowmack* ; thence verging towards the South, unto the “ further Bank of the said river, and following the same on “ the West and South unto a certain place called *Cinquack*, “ situate near the mouth of the said River, where it disem- “ bogue into the aforesaid Bay of Chesapeake, and thence “ by the shortest line unto the aforesaid Promontory or place “ called *Watkins's Point*.” The territory thus bounded, and erected, as has been mentioned, into a *Province*, (being

said, to hold the plantation till his death in 1674. By what means it became afterwards neglected and abandoned so that the very name of *Avalon* is no longer known in Newfoundland I am not informed. The titular Dominion of the Province of *Avalon* was kept up by the *Baltimore* family till the time of *Mr. Harford*, who took the title of Proprietary of *Maryland* alone.