

less rent for any distant lands on the borders and frontiers of this our province. Further, we out of our great condescension hereby publish and declare, that the rent of four shillings sterling only as usual for every hundred acres of surplusage land hereafter to be granted, shall be reserved and payable to us; and as it is not reasonable or just that any lands granted by us should be held by any person who may neglect to pay our rent reserved, therefore we think fit, and accordingly do declare that the terms of all grants or patents on future original, common or special warrants shall be to be held on payment of the rent reserved, or otherwise such grant or patent to be void. And also for the encouragement of such who may be able and willing to discover lands or houses escheatable, we do declare and order that any discoverer thereof shall be entitled to one third part or worth of the value which shall be set on such lands and houses, to be allowed in the composition or purchase money which such discoverer ought to pay for the same; and which discoverer our will and pleasure is shall have without exception the preference or preemption, and whereas we are sensible of the mischiefs and inconveniences arising not only to ourself but our tenants, by the continuing common warrants or caveats in force for a very long time, therefore we hereby direct that all patents for lands on any common warrant now issued, or on certificates now returned, shall be obtained before, and not after the fourteenth of June which shall be in the year 1734, and within one year after the determination of any caveat; and that all patents for lands on any common warrants to be issued after the date hereof, shall be obtained within and not after two years from the date of such warrants, and no caveat shall be renewed after the expiration of six months; and our will and pleasure is, that there shall be reserved in all patents on future warrants, one tenth part of all mines (other than royal mines totally excepted) by such grants to be delivered to our receivers at the pitt's mouth, or at the place of raising the same. Given at Annapolis this twentieth day of June, in the nineteenth year of our dominion, &c. Annoque Domini, 1733.

JOHN ROSS, Cl. Council."

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" MARYLAND, ss.

" *By his Excellency Thomas Bladen, Esq. Governor and  
Commander in Chief in and over the Province of  
Maryland*

" A PROCLAMATION.

" Whereas proclamations have been heretofere published within this province, making known unto all persons who had