

tinued in the Baltimore family until the English Revolution of 1689. I shall pass now to the next subject proposed in this undertaking.

CHAPTER II.

EXPLANATION OF TENURES.

IT has been seen, in the notice already taken of Lord Baltimore's Charter, that he was to HOLD of the Grantor, his heirs and successors, Kings of England, by a certain specified *tenure*, and every possessor of an old patent knows that the Proprietary's grants of land always contained (*mutatis mutandis*) a clause of similar import. It is proposed to give a brief explanation of the nature and object of those conditions of tenure. What concerns that of the Proprietary, together with the style of the Dominion and Royalty conferred upon him, is found in the 5th article which is here recited.

“ And We do by these presents, for Us, our heirs and successors, make, create, and constitute him, the now Baron of Baltimore, and his heirs, the True and Absolute Lords and Proprietaries of the Region aforesaid, and all other the premisses (except the before excepted) saving always the faith and allegiance and sovereign dominion due to us, our heirs and successors; to Have, Hold, Possess and Enjoy the aforesaid region, Islands, Islets, and other the Premises, unto the aforesaid now Baron of Baltimore, and to his heirs and assigns, to the sole and proper behoof and use of him, the now Baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns forever. To Hold of Us, our heirs and successors, Kings of *England*, as of our Castle of Windsor, in our County of *Berks*, in free and common Soccage, by Fealty only for all services, and not in *Capite*, nor by Knights service, Yielding therefore, unto Us, our heirs and successors Two Indian Arrows of those parts, to be delivered at the said Castle of *Windsor*, every year, on Tuesday in Easter week; and also the fifth part of all Gold and Silver Ore which shall happen from time to time to be found within the aforesaid limits.”

The article which authorizes grants of Land from the Proprietary and directs the kinds of estate which he may convey is as follows: