

THE CHARTER OF MARYLAND.

bays, havens, and navigable rivers, as in the harbours, bays, and creeks of the province aforesaid; and the privilege of taking and drying fish on the shores of the same province; and, for that cause, to cut down and take hedges, wood and trees there growing, and to build huts and cabins, necessary in this behalf, in the same manner as heretofore they reasonably might, or have used to do. Which liberties and privileges the said subjects of us, our heirs and successors, shall enjoy, without notable damage or injury in any wise to be done to the aforesaid now baron of Baltimore, his heirs or assigns, or to the residents and inhabitants of the same province in the ports, creeks, and shores aforesaid, and especially in the woods and trees there growing. And if any person shall do damage or injury of this kind, he shall incur the peril and pain of the heavy displeasure of us, our heirs and successors, and of the due chastisement of the laws, besides making satisfaction.

XVII. Moreover, we will appoint, and ordain, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do grant unto the aforesaid now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, that the same baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, from time to time, for ever, shall have, and enjoy the taxes and subsidies payable, or raising, within the ports, harbours, and other creeks and places aforesaid, within the province aforesaid, for wares bought and sold, and things there to be laden or unladen, to be reasonably assessed by them, and the people there as aforesaid, on emergent occasion; to whom we grant power by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, to assess and impose the said taxes and subsidies there, upon just cause, and in due proportion.

XVIII. And further, of our special grace, and certain knowledge, and mere motion, we have given, granted and confirmed, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do give, grant and confirm, unto the aforesaid now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, full and absolute licence, power and authority, that he, the aforesaid now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, from time to time hereafter, for ever, may and can, at his or their will and pleasure, assign, alien, grant, demise, or enfeoff to many, such, and proportionate parts and parcels of the premises, to any person or persons willing to purchase the same, as they shall think convenient, to have and to hold to the same person or persons willing to take or purchase the same, and his and their heirs and assigns, in fee simple, or fee-tail, or for term of life, lives or years; to hold of the aforesaid now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, by so many, such, and so great services, customs and rents, of this kind, as to the same now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, shall seem fit and agreeable, and not immediately of us, our heirs or successors. And we do give, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do grant to the same person and persons, and to each and every of them, licence, authority and power, that such person and persons may take the premises, or any parcel thereof, of the aforesaid now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, and hold the same to them and their assigns, of their heirs, of the aforesaid baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, of what estate or inheritance soever, in fee simple or fee-tail, or otherwise, as to them and the now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, shall seem expedient, the statute made in the parliament of **TUTE QUI EMPTORES TERRARUM** heretofore published in our kingdom of England, or any other thereof, heretofore had, done, published, ordained or provided to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

XIX. We also, by these presents, do give and grant licence to the same baron of Baltimore, and to his heirs, to erect any parcels of land within the province aforesaid, into manors, and in every of those manors, to have and to hold a court-baron, and all things which to a court-baron do belong; and to have and to keep view of frank-pledge, for the conservation of the peace and better government of those parts, by themselves and their stewards, or by the lords, for the time being to be deputed, of other of those manors when they shall be constituted, and in the same to exercise all things to the view of frank-pledge belonging.

XX. And further we will, and do, by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, covenant and grant to, and with the aforesaid now baron of Baltimore, his heirs and assigns, that we, our heirs and successors, at no time hereafter, will impose, or make or cause to be imposed, any impositions, customs, or other taxations, quotas or contributions whatsoever, in or upon the residents or inhabitants of the province aforesaid for their goods, lands, or tenements within the same province, or upon any tenements, lands, goods or chattels within the province aforesaid, or in or upon any goods or merchandises within the province aforesaid, or within the ports or harbours of the said province, to be laden or unladen. And we will and do, for us, our heirs and successors, enjoin and command that this our declaration shall, from time to time, be received and allowed in all our courts

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