

In a Council held at West-Maryes the 24th day
of June the 10th Dom. 1677

Present

Thomas Holley Esq: Lieut: Gen^l & chief Govern^r.

The Hon^{ble}

Philip Calvert Esq: Chancel^r
Wm Calvert Esq: Principal Secy
Baker Brooke Esq: Secy: Gen^l
Major Benj: Crozer

Whereas the Governour and Council are informed that there are severall persons that are seated within this Province on the Sea board side and doe pretend to be under the Governm^t of New Yorke it is therefore Ordered that a special warrant be granted unto W^m Stevens for eight thousand Acres of Land to be proportioned out by him for the encouragement of such as will seat there on the said Sea board side and that such persons as seat there shall have seven years liberty to make good rights for said Land, paying to his Ex^{ty} only of Rent of two shillings yearly for every hundred Acres and further it is Ordered that those that seat nearest the Fire hills shall have out of the said eight thousand acres one thousand Acres of Land for a family having in it three working hands at the least and the rest of eight thousand Acres to be proportioned out at five hundred Acres each family having in it two working hands at least provided such as intend to seat there shall settle betwixt this time and the last of November next and there build and not desert their Plantations and it is further Ordered that all of Return of Col: Hen^{ry} Courney from New Yorke a Letter be sent to the Govern^r of New Yorke to know whether those persons who have Inroached upon his Ex^{ty} Province do own him for their Governour that there may be right understanding betwixt the Governour