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this present Generall Assembly and by the authority of the same that if any person or persons from and after the last day of June next shall desire to set up a water mill upon any land next adjoining to any Runn of water within this Province not being the proper possession or freehold of the said person or persons nor leased to them by his said Lordship, or other persons to the intent thereon to sett a water mill they shall purchase a writt out of his Lordships Court of Chancery directed to the Sheriff of the County where such land lyeth requiring him by the oathes of twelve men of his County to enquire what damages it would be to the Lord Proprietary or others, to have a mill sett up in such place as aforesaid the form of writt followeth Viz  
 Cecil Little Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c To the Sheriff of N. N. County greeting  
 Wee command you that by the oathes of twelve honest and Lawfull men of the County by whom the truth of the matter may be better knowne dilligently to enquire if it be to the damage of us or others if wee grant to N. N. of N. County ten acres of Land lying at N in the County aforesaid on each side of the Runn of water there running together with liberty and Licence thereon to set a certain water mill as also liberty to take sell cutt down and carry away either by Land or water any wood or timber fitt for building of a mill other then timber fitt to splitt into Clapboards upon any the lands next adjoining to the said ten acres of Land lying on each side the runn of water at N N aforesaid in the County aforesaid and if it be to the damage or prejudice of us or other then to what damage and what prejudice of us and to what damage and prejudice of others and of whom and in what manner and how and of who or of whom the aforesaid ten acres of Land are holden and by what service  
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