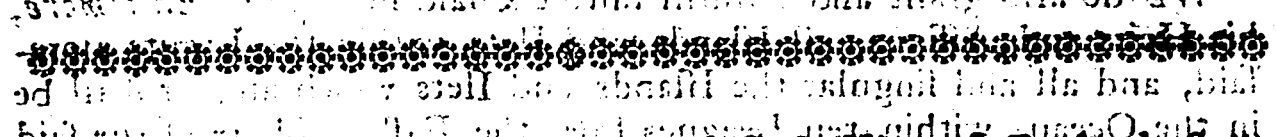




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CHARLES, by the Grace of God, King of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting, Whereas our right trusty and well-beloved Subject, *Cæcilius Calvert*, Baron of *Baltimore*, in our Kingdom of *Ireland*, Son and Heir of Sir *George Calvert*, Knight, late Baron of *Baltimore* in the same Kingdom of *Ireland*, pursuing his Father's Intentions, being excited with a laudable and pious Zeal for the Propagation of the *Christian* Faith, and the Enlargement of our Empire and Dominion, hath humbly besought Leave of Us, by his Industry and Charge, to transport an ample Colony of the *English* Nation unto a certain Country hereafter described, in the Parts of *America* not yet cultivated and planted, tho' in some Parts thereof inhabited by certain barbarous People, having no Knowledge of Almighty God; and hath humbly besought Our Royal Majesty to give, grant, and confirm all the said Country, with certain Privileges and Jurisdictions, requisite for the good Government and State of HIS COLONY and Country aforesaid, to him and his Heirs for ever.

KNOW YE therefore, That We, favouring the pious and noble Purpose of the said Barons of *Baltimore*, of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have given, granted, and confirmed, and by this Our present Charter, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give, grant, and confirm unto the said *Cæcilius*, now Baron of *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, all that Part of a Peninsula, lying in the Parts of *America*, between the Ocean on the East, and the Bay of *Chesapeake* on the West, and divided from the other Part thereof by a right Line drawn from the Promontory or Cape of Land, called *Watkins Point* (situate in the aforesaid Bay, near the River of *Wighco*) on the West, unto the main Ocean on the East; and between that Bound on the South, unto that Part of *Delaware* Bay on the North, which lieth under the fortieth Degree of Northerly

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