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The Bounds
of Maryland.

Latitude from the Equinoctial, where *New-England* ends: And all that Tract of Land between the Bounds aforesaid; that is to say, passing from the foresaid Bay, called *Delaware Bay*, in a right Line by the Degree aforesaid, unto the true Meridian of the first Fountain of the River *Potoomack*; and from thence tending toward the South unto the further Bank of the foresaid River, and following the West and South Side thereof unto a certain Place called *Cinquack*, situate near the Mouth of the said River, where it falls into the Bay of *Cheapeake*; and from thence by a straight Line unto the foresaid Promontary, and Place called *Watkins Point* (so that all that Tract of Land divided by the Line aforesaid, drawn between the main Ocean and *Watkins Point*, unto the Promontary called *Cape Charles*, and all it's Appurtenances, do remain entirely, excepted to Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, for ever).

Grants of
Lands, I-
lands, Ports,
Bays, Rivers,
&c.

We do also grant and confirm unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, all Islands and Ilets within the Limits aforesaid, and all and singular the Islands and Ilets which are, or shall be in the Ocean, within ten Leagues from the Eastern Shore of the said Country towards the East, with all and singular Ports, Harbours, Bays, Rivers, and Inlets, belonging unto the Country or Islands aforesaid: And all the Soil, Lands, Fields, Woods, Mountains, Fens, Lakes, Rivers, Bays, and Inlets, situate or being within the Bounds and Limits aforesaid; with the Fishing of all Sorts of Fish, Whales, Sturgeons, and all other Royal Fishes in the Sea, Bays, Inlets, or Rivers, within the Premises, and the Fish therein taken. And moreover, all Veins, Mines, and Quarries, as well discovered as not discovered, of Gold, Silver, Gems and Precious Stones, and all other whatsoever, be it of Stones, Metals, or of any other Thing or Matter whatsoever, found, or to be found, within the Country, Isles, and Limits aforesaid. And furthermore, the Patronages and Advowsons of all Churches, which (as Christian Religion shall increase within the Country, Isles, Ilets, and Limits aforesaid) shall happen hereafter to be erected; together with License and Power to build and found Churches, Chapels, and Oratories, in convenient and fit Places within the Premises, and to cause them to be dedicated and consecrated according to the Ecclesiastical Laws of our Kingdom of *England*: Together with all and singular the like, and as ample Rights, Jurisdictions, Privileges, Prerogatives, Royalties, Liberties, Immunities, Royal Rights and Franchises, of what Kind soever, Temporal, as well by Sea as by Land, within the Country, Isles, Ilets, and Limits aforesaid; to have, exercise, use, and enjoy the same, as amply as any Bishop of *Durham*, within the Bishoprick or County Palatine of *Durham*, in Our Kingdom of *England*, hath at any Time heretofore had, held, used, or enjoyed, or of Right ought or might have had, held, used, or enjoyed.

And of Advowsons of Churches.

Churches to be founded according to the Ecclesiastical Law of *England*.

Jurisdiction of a County Palatine.

And him the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heir and Assigns, We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, make, create, and constitute the true and absolute Lords and Proprietaries of
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