

Province of MARYLAND.

the Country aforesaid, and of all other the Premises (except before excepted), saving always the Faith and Allegiance, and sovereign Dominion due unto Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, to have, hold, possess, and enjoy the said Country, Isles, Illets, and other the Premises, unto the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns, to the sole and proper Use and behoof of him the said now Lord *Baltimore*, his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

To be holden of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings of *England*, as of Our Castle of *Windsor*, in Our County of *Berkshire*, in free and common Soccage by Fealty only, for all Services, and not *in Capite*, or by Knight's Service: Yielding and paying therefore to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, two *Indian* Arrows of those Parts, to be delivered at our said Castle of *Windsor*, every Year, on the Tuesday in *Easter* Week; and also the fifth Part of all Gold and Silver Ore within the Limits aforesaid, which shall from Time to Time happen to be found.

Now, that the said Country, thus by Us granted and described, may be eminent above all other Parts of the said Territory, and dignified with larger Titles; Know ye, That We of Our further Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have thought fit to erect the same Country and Islands into a Province; as out of the Fulness of Our Royal Power and Prerogative, We do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, erect and incorporate them into a Province, and do call it *MARYLAND*, and so from henceforth will have it called.

AND forasmuch as We have hereby made and ordained the foresaid now Lord *Baltimore*, the true Lord and Proprietary of all the Province aforesaid; Know ye therefore moreover, That We, reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Fidelity, Wisdom, Justice, and provident Circumspection of the said now Lord *Baltimore*, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant free, full, and absolute Power, by Virtue of these Presents, to him and his Heirs, for the good and happy Government of the said Province, to ordain, make, enact, and under his and their Seals to publish any Laws whatsoever, appertaining either unto the public State of the said Province, or unto the private Utility of particular Persons, according unto their best Discretions, of and with the Advice, Assent, and Approbation of the Freemen of the said Province, or the greater Part of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies, whom, for the enacting of the said Laws, when and as often as Need shall require, We will that the said now Lord *Baltimore*, and his Heirs, shall assemble in such Sort and Form as to him or them shall seem best; and the same Laws duly to execute upon all People within the said Province, and Limits thereof, for the Time being, or that shall be constituted under the Government and Power of him or them, either sailing towards *Maryland*, or returning from thence toward *England*, or any other of Ours or foreign Dominions, by Imposition of Penalties, Imprisonment, or any other Punishment: Yea, if it shall be needful, and that the Quality of the Offence require it, by taking away Members or Life, either

The Lord *Baltimore* created Absolute Lord and Proprietary of *Maryland*.

Tenure, and Acknowledgement.

Maryland erected into a Province.

Laws to be enacted for the good Government of the same.