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Navigation much to the Publick damage of the Province The  
freemen in this present Generall Assembly doe pray that it  
may be Enacted And Bee itt Enacted by the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> the  
Lord Proprietary of and with the advice and Consent of the  
upper and Lower houses of this present Generall Assembly  
and by the Authority of the same That if any person or persons  
from and after the last day of Iune next shall desire to Sett up  
a watermill vpon any Land next adjoining to any Runn of water  
within this Province not being the propper possession or free-  
p. 46 hold of the said person or persons nor leased to them by his  
said Lordship or other persons to the intent thereon to Sett a  
watermill they shall purchase a writt out of his Lordships Court  
of Chancery directed to the Sherriffe of the County where  
such land lyeth Requireing him by the Oathes of twelue men  
of his County to Enquire what damages itt would be to the  
Lord Proprietary or others to haue a mill Sett up in such place  
as aforesaid the forme of which writt followeth viz<sup>t</sup>

Cæcilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Prouinces of  
Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &<sup>ca</sup> To the  
Sherriffe of N. N. County greeting wee Comānd you that by  
the Oathes of twelve honest and Lawfull men of the County by  
whome the truth of the matter may be better knowne diligently  
to inquire if itt be to the Damage of us or others if we grant  
to N: N: of N County Tenn Acres of Land lyeing att N. in the  
County aforesaid on each side of the Runn of water there  
Running together with liberty and licence thereon to sett a  
Certain watermill as alsoe liberty to take sett, Cutt downe 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 Clap-  
boards vpon any the lands next adjoining to the said Tenn  
Acres of Land lyeing on each side the Runn of water att N.  
N. aforesaid in the County aforesaid And if itt be to the damage  
or prejudice of us or others then to what damage and what  
prejudice of vs and to what damage and prejudice of others  
and of whom and in what manner and how and of who or of  
whome the aforesaid Tenn Acres of Land are holden and by  
what Service and in what manner and how and of what value  
they are by the yeare according to the true value of them now  
before any further improvement made of the said Tenn Acres  
and who are the present possessors of the said Tenn acres and  
who and how many are the measnes Between us and the  
present possessors of the said Tenn acres and what lands or  
Tenements Remaine to the present possessors over the said  
tenn acres And if the lands Remaining to the present possessors  
over the said Tenn Acres will suffice to vphold their mannor  
viz<sup>t</sup> the Sixth part of the Mannor allotted by the Condicōns of  
plantacōn for the Demeasne as before the Alienacōn for build-