

of them as Such a high Contempt Shall deserve. Given under our hand and Seal at London in the Realm of England the fffteenth day of April in the year of our Lord God one thousand Six hundred thirty and Seven. Liber F.

locus + Magni
Sigilli

Signed J. Lewger

Endorsed

These are to Authorize You to put our Great Seal for the Province of Maryland to this our Comission for the Government there. p. 17

15th of Aprill 1637.

To our Secretary for the
Province of Maryland.

Signed: C. Baltemore

The King to the Comm^{rs} for Foreign Plantations

May 1637.

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Whereas our deere Father King James of blessed memory did by his Letters Pattents, bearing date the 7th day of Aprill in the 21 yeare of his raigne, grant unto the late Lord Baltimore, by the name of Sir George Calvert knight, (then Principall Secretary of State) and to his heires a certain Region in Newfoundland, called in the said Letters Pattents, by the name of the Province of Avalon, with divers powers and privileges requisite and necessary for the better government of such as should transport themselves to plant and inhabit the said Province: and for the better encouragement of the said Lord Baltimore, who thereupon did at his owne charge first transport an ample Colony thither, and afterwards adventured thither his person, and family together with the greatest part of his fortune. And whereas wee our selfe by our Letters Pattents bearing date the 20th day of June in the 8th yeare of our raigne, have granted unto our right trusty and welbeloved Cecilius now Lord Baltemore (sonne and heire of the said late Lord Baltemore) and his heires, a certain region joyning upon Virginia (called in our said Letters Pattents by the name of the Province of Maryland) together with such like power and privileges. Whereupon the said now Lord Baltemore hath also at his great charge transported an ample Colony to plant and inhabit the said Province. And whereas both the aforesaid Letters Pattents were granted upon mature deliberation first had of the severall clauses priviledges therein granted, and after many references thereupon made to severall of the Lords of the Councell both of our Father and of our selfe for the due consideration thereof. Now forasmuch as, We are informed by the said now Lord Baltemore, that some Grants concerning forreine Plantations may passe our seales, which may be pre-
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