

Patent to the lord Baltimore from 38 degrees to 40 of lands unplanted.

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That Claiborne having planted and stocked the Island the lord Baltimore claimeth the Island to be within his Degreee and soe enters by force and seized upon the Island and keepeth the same and all the stock and Cattle there upon the value of £7.000 and the same deteyneth by force.

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Capt. Wm. Claiborne's Case stated against
Lord Baltimore

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By the Governor and Captaine generall
of Virginia.

To all to whom these presents shall come I Sir Iohn Harvey knight Governor and Captaine generall of Virginia send greeting in our Lord God everlasting Whereas my trusty and well beloved freind, Captaine William Clayborne Esq^{re} & one of the Councill of State for this Colony, hath desired for encrease of trade and commerce to obtaine this my commission to sayle and traffique into the adjoyneing Plantations of the Duch, seated upon this territory of America, which may tend to an intermutuall benefitt wherein wee may be useful one to another. Now know yee that I the said Sir Iohn Harvey, out of the good opinion I conceive of the discretion and understanding of the said Captaine William Claiborne doe by these presents, with the consent of the Councill of State, licence and authorize him the said Capt: William Claiborne with the first conveniency of wind and wether to sett saile from hence in such Barques and pinnaces and with such Company of men as shall willingly accompany him, and to goe unto the said Plantations of the Duch or unto any other English Plantations, or to such other Rivers, Harbors and places, as hee shall find occasions. Praying all Governors, Captaines and Commanders thereof and all such whom it may concerne to yeld and afford unto him and them all lawfull faver and respect, they beehaveing themselves fairely and honestly in all things. Giveing and by these presents granting unto him the said Capt: William Claiborne full power and authority to direct and governe such persons as shall accompany him in his said voiadge. Given at James Citty the eight day of March Anno Domini, after the computation of the Church of England 1631. And in the five and twentieth yeare of this Southerne Colony of Virginia.

John Harvey.