

by me nominated were M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Parslon, M<sup>r</sup> Jonah Whinfield, and M<sup>r</sup> Gustavus White as witness my hand this 23<sup>d</sup> of April 1686. Liber B.  
P. R. O.

the mark of  
Henry H Mackdowell

Nath: Ashcorn's Fine } Ordered that the fine of five hundred  
500lbs Tob. remitted. } pounds of Tobacco imposed by the Com<sup>rs</sup>  
of Calvert County Court upon Nathaniel Ashcorn for not returning the list of taxables, be, and the same hereby is remitted and wholly taken off and the said Ashcorn from thence fully acquitted and discharged.

The hon<sup>ble</sup> Coll. Henry Digges and Maj<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Sewall Principall Secretarys of this Province produce to the board severall Rules necessary to be observed in their office for Lands, whereof the desire, the approbation & the confirmation of the Councill, if it may seem meete and reasonably. They were ordered to be read and are as followeth—viz.

Some particular heads of such Rules as ought more strictly to be observed in the Land Office.

Rules for the } That every Deputy Surveyor shall without faile  
Land Office } make due Returnes of all assignments of warrants and Certificates (together along with the Certificates) into the Land office, which thing has hitherto been neglected, to the great delay of business.

That in their Certificates they shall mention the courses and distances more fully and plainly than heretofore they have used, and likewise duely returne along with their surveys, fair platts to every Certificate.

That every Deputy Surveyor shall returne his Certificate in due time into the Deputy Surveyor Generall's Office to be examined, and for the quicker Expedition of business shall attend the land office at S<sup>t</sup> Maries more duely than heretofore they have used (it being his Lordship's particular order) or otherwise keepe due correspondence by carefull messengers, if business or other accidents will not permitt their own attendance.

That noe person or persons shall enter a caveat against the land of another to obstruct the issuing of any pattent, without first giving good reasons to the Secretarys for the time being for their soe doing.

That noe Pattents shall goe out of the Land Office, without the owners of such Pattents come and demand them or otherwise send particular order by some other persons, The said persons soe employed givinge their receipts for them. p. 23

That upon every assignment of any warrant or Certificate for Land to a Forreigner and that such Forreigners by virtue