

Liber A. M. Fifthly You are impowered to take the proof of all such rights for Land as shall be offered by any Persons demanding benefitt of his Lordships Conditions of Plantation hereby requiring you to admit of no rights unless by Oath of the Party entring them it appear such Rights are Originally due to them as persons either transported by or Consign'd to them that shall demand benefit of the Conditions of Plantations of this you must take a special Care from time to time

Sixthly You must be Careful to delay no man when business ought to be done and suffer not the Clerk under you to exact unlawfully upon any Person either for expedition Money or otherwise least Complaints arise upon such indirect proceedings which have too lately Caused mischief

p. 21 Seventhly In Case I come not in early you are to follow such directions as you shall Receive from my Attorney M^r Tho^s Notley requiring you to write to me by all Oppertunities from these parts Virginia New England or New York

Eightly You are strictly Charged to take Bonds of Navigation of all such Commanders and Musters of Ships or other lesser Vessels Coming into Patomeck to trade as shall not produce Certificate from some Custom house in England of bond Given there and to see that William Brookes observe the same Instruction and that Copies be writt of all such Bonds taken by you & the said Brookes of each Commander and Master as aforesaid to be sent as I shall hereafter direct and Appoint

Ninthly You are impowered to sign Letters of Administrations to take the Probate of wills and sign warrants to Appraisers not Omitting at the signing of such business by order and appointment of the honble Charles Calvert Esq^r

Tenthly Item you are Required to Cause all such Commanders and Masters as aforesaid to give bond with sufficient inhabitants of this Province for the paying and Satisfying all dues that the Laws of this Place do require from them the form of such a Bond you may expect from M^r Thomas Notley Given under my hand the fifteenth day of May One thousand six hundred sixty nine

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Charles Calvert

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Commission of the Peace for
Dorchester County

Cecilius Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltimore &c to Raymond Stapleford John Pollard W^m Stevens of little Choptank Steven Gray W^m Stevens Henry Tripp Anthony Le Compte and Henry Hooper Gent Greeting Know ye that we for the great trust and Confidence that we have in your Fidelities Circum-spectations prudences & Wisdoms have Constituted Ordained