

Liber B. Stevens hath acted notwithstanding his said Commission of the
P. R. O. which he desires the confirmation of this Board and Order for
continuance of the said Commission if soe be their Hon^{rs} think
fitt, the which was granted by the board and the proceedings
of the said Coll: Stevens according to his Ldp's conditions of
Plant^a now in force ratified and confirmed Notwithstanding his
said Commission and ordered that his said Commission be
continued to him with such alteration as the conditions of
Plantation now in force require, the which Commission and
alteration are as followeth viz:

p. 81 Coll: Stevens' old } Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of
Com: recorded. } the Province of Maryland and Avalon, Lord
Baron of Baltmore &c.

To our Trusty and Welbeloved Coll: William Stevens
greeting. Whereas by our conditions of Plantation of this our
Province bearing date the 2^d day of February last past as well
for severall reasons relating to ourself as for the ease and
benefitt of the Inhabitants of this our Province who may be
desirous to take up Land and Seat within the same Wee have
thought fitt and did by a late Proclamation under the Great
Seal of this our Province ordain our Secretaries of this our
Province (for the time being) to grant warrants to any person
or persons requiring the same for any quantity of land within
our said Province not already taken up nor reserved to our use
att the rate of £100. of Tobacoe to be secured and paid to us
for every 50. Acres of land soe granted and at the yearly rent
of 2. sterling for every such quantity of 50 Acres except at the
Sea board side and the Hore Kills at which places Wee have
ordained that any person desirous to take up Land there for
their Incouragement to seat them parts should only pay 50£
of Tobacoe and the yearely rent of 1. sterling for every 50.
Acres to be secured and paid to us And forasmuch as wee have
taken into our consideration the trouble and inconviency of
the Inhabitants of our County of Sumersett may be putt to in
comeing over to these parts to sue forth Warrants Wee have
thought fitt and doe hereby authorize impower and appoint you
the said Coll: William Stevens to grant warrants to any person
or persons requireing the same for any quantity of land in the
said County of Sumersett, the adjacent parts of Dorchester
County the Sea board side and Hore Kills according to the
tenor of our said conditions of Plantation of the second day of
February last past and to seal all warrants by you soe granted
with your own Seal and to make a due return into our Land
office of your Proceedings herein as often as you can con-
veniently as likewise all Bills which you take for such warrants
payable to us you are to return to our said Land Office
together with the account or list of the said Warrants To