

whereof the lesser seal of this Province is hereunto put the first day of March In the thirty eighth year of the dominion of Cecilius &c^a Annoq Domini 1669

To Desborrough Bennet

Signed by Order from the
Deputy Lieutenants

Locus Sigilli

John Blomfield

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[Sealed] Instructions from the right honble Cecilius
Absolute Lord and Proprietary of Maryland
and Avalon Lord Baltimore &c

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To his dear Son Charles Calvert his Lordships Lieutenant of the Province of Maryland and in his absence to his Deputy or Deputies for the Government of the said Province

1st That whereas his Lordship by his Instructions of the 28th day of Iuly 1699 did Order that no Land should be Granted thereafter from his Lordship in his said Province of Maryland by virtue of any former Conditions of Plantation fo or in respect of any person or persons transported into his said Province under a lesser Rent then two Shillings Sterl p Annum to be reserved due and payable to his Lordship his heirs and Successors Lords and Proprietaries of the said Province for every fifty Acres of Land excepting only on the Sea board Side on the Eastern Shore and on Deleware Bay within the 40th degree Northerly Latitude & particularly at the Hore kill in which places so excepted as aforesaid his Lordships Pleasure was and is that Lands be Granted at the Yearly Rent of one Shilling Sterling p Annum for every fifty Acres to be reserved due and payable as aforesaid according to the Conditions of Plantation before the said Instructions his Lordship doth now declare order and Authorize you to pass in his name under his great Seal there such Grants of Land as were due to any Person or Persons being Transported into his said Province before the said 28th day of Iuly 1669 at the former yearly Rent of one Shilling Sterl for every fifty Acres according to his Lordships former Conditions of Plantation any thing in the said Instructions of the said 28th day of Iuly notwithstanding but as to the appointing of Land there for and in respect of any Person or Persons that have been or shall be transported into his said Province since the said 28th day of Iuly 1669 his Lordships will and Pleasure is that his said Instructions of the said date shall be Observed

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2^{dly} That you endeavour to the utmost of your Power to procure that some persons be Seated upon the said Seaboard side on the Eastern Shore and on the said deleware Bay within the fortieth degree of Northerly Latitude and particularly at the Whore kill for the further and greater encouragement of the planting of which places his Lordship doth hereby give you

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