

[Lands in Somerset County.]

Lib. R.

By the Governo^r

Whereas William Stevens of Somersett County hath humbly prayed that those psons of Somersett County that have Pattents to sue out according to his L^{dpps} Declaracōn in June Anno 1676 : w^{ch} time therein limited is now expired and yett there being some psons in the said County that have occasion of his L^{dpps} grace and favour therein Expressed but were prevented attending the Sec^{rys} Office by reason of the late troubles with the Indians in those p^{ts} and (since that is happily blowne over) other urgent occasions in their cropps hindering also ffor the better Encourageing the settling of the Sea side & other p^{ts} of the said County I doe hereby ord^r that the Inhabitants of the said County shall have Eight moneths time commencing from the Date hereof to sue out their Pattents according to his L^{dpps} Declara. as if they had done it within the time limited, provided he or she that claimes the favo^r of this ord^r doe bring a Certificate to the Sec^{rys} Office at S^t Maries und^r the hand and Seale of W^m Stevens of the s^d County that they are psons that deserve his L^{dpps} favo^r Given und^r my hand & lesser Seale of the Province the 14th Day of June in the 3^d yeare of the Dominion of the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} Charles over Maryland &c^a Annoq Domini 1678:

To the Hon^{ble}
Coll. W^m
Calvert
Esq^r Princi-
ple Sec^{ry}
of the Province
of Maryla

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And it was the Opinion of the Councell upon further consideration that the like favo^r should in generall tearmes be granted to all singular the Inhabitants of this Province as well as to those of Somersett County. Whereupon issued forth the following Proclam^a viz.

[Quieting Possessions.]

By the L^t Generall

A Proclamacōn

Whereas the R^{tt} Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ry} of this Province by his Gracious Proclama. beareing Date the third day of June in the first yeare of his L^{dpps} Dominion &c. Annoq Domi 1676 by the advice of his L^{dpps} Councell did Publish Proclame and Declare that his said L^{dpp} would take noe advantage of any Lapse of time either in proving of Rights returning of Certificates or Demanding grants or Pattents for any Land due to any Adventurer or Planter within this Province, provided such right Title and claime to any such Lands be proved and