

that lived conveniently to performe itt And whereas we did the first day of March 1672 by our ordinance under the great Seale of this Province authorize & Impower George Beckwith of the said County or his Assignes to keepe fferry Boats for the Transportacōn of men & horse either from Point Patience over the River of Petuxent to his owne house or from his owne house over the said River to Point Patience Provided the said Beckwith should keep a sufficient Boat & man or men for the doeing & performing the same wind & weather pmitting And should not p'sume to Exact or demand more of any person then by the same Ordinance was Allowed And also Provided that he tooke speciall care to Examine Persons that he knew not of his certaine knowledge to be ffreemen And that Runaway Servants might not be helped forwards by reason of the said fferry Boat And forasmuch as severall Complaints have been made unto us by severall the Inhabitants of this Province That the said George Beckwith hath not Observed performed fullfilled & kept the Articles Clauses & Provisoes in the said ordinance mencōned & Expressed which on his part were to be Observed fullfilled & kept according to the true intent & meaning thereof We doe Vacate & make void the said Lycence & Power to the said George Beckwith so Graunted unto him as aforesaid And doe by these p'sents Authorize & Impower Richard Keen or his Assignes to keep fferry Boats for to Transport men & horse from his now dwelling house over the said River of Petuxent to his Plantacōn on the other side or from thence to his dwelling house aforesaid And to also demand Receive & take for every person he shall Transport either backwards or forwards over the said River the Sume of one shilling And also to Aske demand receive & take for every horse he shall Transport as aforesaid the like sume Sume of One shilling or the value thereof To have hold & Enjoy the sole priviledge benefitt & Advantage of keeping the said fferry for Transporting persons & horses over the said River as aforesaid during his naturall life provided allwayes that the said Richard Keen shall keep a sufficient Boat or Boats man or men for the doeing & performing the same (wind & weather pmitting) And shall not att any tyme p'sume to Exact or demand more of any person then is hereby allowed him for the same upon paine of forfeiting the Lycence Liberty & Priviledge hereby Granted him Itt being made appeare to his Lord^{pp's} Justices of the Provinc^l Court And also Provided that the said Richard Keen or his Assignes take speciall care to Examine Persons that they know not of their owne certaine knowledge to be ffreemen that so Runaway Servants may not be helped forwards by reason of the fferry Boat aforesaid And we doe hereby Ord^r Comānd &

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