

His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board an In- Lib. C. B.
struction from the Lord Proprietary to him in the following P. 185
Words

“You shall at such times and in such manner as may be proper and convenient give Directions to Our Agent and the several Receivers of Our Quit Rents not to insist on or receive from any Person whatsoever any Fine or Fines on or for any Lands which have been or shall be alienated by Devise”

It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he be pleased to order Proclamation to issue notifying the same, which Proclamation being prepared, is read & approved of & issued accordingly

Maryland ss.

By His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Gov^r & Comm^r
in Chief in & over the Province of Maryland

A Proclamation

Whereas some Uneasinesses have arisen concerning the Right of his Lordship the Lord Proprietary to Alienation fines on Devises of Lands, and that his Lordship desirous to shew his Readiness to give his Tenants Ease and Satisfaction in whatever may be thought reasonable in any Degree, tho' to the Diminution of his own strictly legal Rights hath been pleased to direct, Orders should be given to his Agent and the several Receivers of his Quit Rents not to insist on or receive from any Person whatsoever, any Fine or Fines on or for any Lands which have been or shall be alienated by Devise, to the End his Lordships Pleasure may be known, and that all persons concerned may have due Notice thereof I have thought fit by and with the Advice of his Lordps Council of State to issue this my Proclamation strictly charging and requiring the several Sheriffs of this Province to make this my Proclamation publick in their respective Counties in the usual manner that all Persons concerned may conform themselves thereto as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril Given at the City of Annapolis this 20th day of October in the 28th year of his Ldps Dominion Annoq Domini 1742

J Ross Cl. Concl.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on 8th day of p. 186
December in the 28th year of his Lordships Dominion Annoq
Domini 1742