

Bacon “ To the Sheriff of County, Greeting. We command
 “ you, that by the Oath of Twelve honest and lawful Men of
 “ the County, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be better
 “ known, you diligently enquire if it be to the Damage of us
 “ or others, if we grant unto N. N. of N. County, One Hun-
 “ dred Acres of Land lying at in the County afore-
 “ said, as may be most convenient for the building and Setting
 “ up a Forge-Mill, and other Conveniencies, as shall be neces-
 “ sary for the carrying on an Iron-Work. And if it be to the
 “ Damage and Prejudice of us, or others, then to what Dam-
 “ age and Prejudice of us, and to what Damage and Prejudice
 “ of others, and of whom, and in what Manner, and how, and
 “ of what Value the same Land is now, before any other Im-
 “ provement of the said One Hundred Acres of Land, and
 “ who are the present Possessors of the said One Hundred
 “ Acres of Land, and who have the Fee-simple thereof, and
 “ what Lands and Tenements remain to the present Possessor,
 “ over and above the said One Hundred Acres of Land; and if
 “ the said Land remaining to the present Possessors, over and
 “ above the said One Hundred Acres, will suffice to uphold
 “ their Manor, viz. the Sixth Part of their Manor, allotted
 “ them by the Conditions of Plantations, for the Demesne, as
 “ before the Alienation, so as the County, by the Alienation
 “ aforesaid, in Default of the present Possession, more than
 “ was wont not to be charged and grieved; and the Inquisition
 “ thereupon openly and distinctly made to us in our High
 “ Court of Chancery, under the Seal and the Seals of them by
 “ whom it was made, without Delay send, &c.”

Upon Return of which Writ, in case the Person or Persons who by the said Inquest shall be found to be the true Owners and Possessors of the Land fit to build a Forge-Mill, and other Conveniencies necessary for carrying on an Iron-Work, shall refuse to build such Forge-Mill, and other Conveniencies for such Iron-Work thereon, within Six Months from that Date to be computed and reckoned, and give Security the same Building to prosecute and finish within Four Years after the Beginning and Laying the Foundation of such Forge-Mill, it shall and may be lawful for his said Lordship, his Heirs and Successors, or for the Governor here, for the Time being, from Time to Time, to grant any such One Hundred Acres of Land fit to build a Forge-Mill, and Conveniencies for an Iron-Work as aforesaid, together with free Egress and Regress to the said Mill, through any Man's Land next adjoining, by the virtue of the Writ aforesaid returned, to be paid to the Owner of the said Land so found and returned as aforesaid; which said Grant to be made as aforesaid, shall be good and available in Law to the Grantee or Grantees as aforesaid, against all