

[A Translation from "Dutch Language" Transmitted to Lord Baltimore by M^r Dulany and sign'd by twenty five names.]

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We whose names are hereunto Subscribed all Natives of Germany, by this do acquaint our Country men with our Settlement (some Years since) in the Province of Maryland, into which Province we came from Pensilvania, for the sake of Better Land, & Easier terms, & we assure you, that the Land in this Province is very fertile, & produces everything in Great Abundance, we here Enjoy full Liberty of Conscience, the Law of the Land is so Constituted, that every man is secure in the Enjoyment of his Property, the meanest person is out of the reach of Oppression, from the most Powerfull nor Can anything be taken from him without his receiving Satisfaction for it, all such of our Countrymen who have an Inclination to Settle in this province, & will be Industrious, Cannot fail of a Comfortable Subsistance

We take this Opportunity to Acquaint you that the Ship in w^{ch} we agreed to go to Pensilvania is not Arrived but in the province of Maryland, where we found many of our Countrymen, that have Estates & Live very Comfortably, they received us wth great Kindness, Giving us all Possible Assistance, the Land seems to be good, & we have observed that an Industrious man may Live wth great Comfort.

One of the Principal Gentlemen of this Country, (M^r Dulany) who Lives at Annapolis, the Capital of this Province, was so kind as to Assist us wth 306 Pistoles & to free us from the Captain's power, we are Perswaded that this Gentlemen will be Serviceable to Aid & Assist all Germans that will Settle in this Province

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[Orders & Instructions to the Judge & Register of the Land office by Lord Baltimore, London.]

February 24
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Whereas Thomas Bladen Esq^r is in Possession of a Tract or parcel of Land Call'd Friendship Lying upon Elk River in Cecil County, said to be taken up in my Mannor or some Reserve made for me in that County, I hereby require & direct you to make a new Grant or Patent of Confirmation for all that part of the said Tract, now in the Possession of the said Thomas Bladen, tho' it Appears, that his grant or patent, be not of an Elder date then the said Mannor or reserve provided that the Arrears of rent due for the said tract, have been duly Answer'd & paid

[Gov. Ogle's Certificate to Stephen Remsperger, Nicholas Benedick, Jacob Bruner, and Henry Thomas.]

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To all whom these presents shall come Samuel Ogle Esquire Governor of the Province of Maryland in America sendeth Greeting Know ye that whereas Stephen Remsperger of ffrederick County in the said Province Wheelwright and Nicholas Benedick Jacob Bruner of the same County ffarmer and Henry Thomas of the same