Liber C D Grant Inde to Perry and Jenifer } Cæcilius absolute Lord and prōpry of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c[t] To all persons to whom these presents shall come greeting in our Lord God Everlasting Whereas by an Act of a generall Assembly made at our generall Assembly of our sd province of Maryland begun and held at our City of Saint Maries the thirteenth day of Aprill in the Seven & thirtieth Year of our dominion over our sd province &c:[t] Annoq̃ dom 1669 Intituled an Act for Encouragement of such persons as will undertake to build Water Mills it is amongst other things Enacted that if any person or persons from and after the last day of June then next should desire to sett up a Water Mill upon any Land next adjoyning to any Run of Water within this province not being the proper po ould

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Watermill they should

of Chancery directed to the Sheriff of the Cou

where s Land lyeth requiring him by the oaths of
(fol. 25) Twelve men of his County to Enquire what damage it would be to us or to have a Mill sett up in such a place as aforesaid upon th return of which Writt in the Case the person or persons by the sd Inquest should be found to be the true Owne and possessors of the Land fitt to build a Mill upon should refuse to build a Mill thereupon & to give Security to us by Bond of fifty Thousand pounds of Tobacco with condiĉon to begin to build a Mill thereon within Twelve months from that day to be Compleated and reckoned and the same building to prosecute and
p. 21 finish within Twelve months after the said Beginning or laying the
(fol. 25) foundation as afd for the publick good, of our sd province it should be lawfull to and for us our heirs and Successors or in our or their absence for our and their Lieuet.[a] and chief Governour here for the time being to grant Ten Acres of Land fitt to build a Watermill upon as afd together with free Egress and Regress to the said watermill either by Land through any mans Land next adjacent or by water together with Liberty to fell any Timber for building the said Water Mill other then board Timber fitt to splitt or Cleave into Clapboard for any time or term not exceeding Eighty Years, then next to come under the yearly Rent of the Land then by the Oaths of Twelve Men by Virtue of the writt afd returned to be paid to the owner of the Land so found and returned as afd which said Grant from us our heirs and successors or from our Lieuet.[a] & chief Governour here as afd should be good and valueable in Law to the Grantee as afd for any term of years not exceeding Eighty Years as afd against all persons whatsoever any Law Custom or Usuage theretofore had made or used in our said province to the Contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding as by the said Act of Generall Assembly remaining upon record in our Secretary's office of our sd province of Maryland relation being thereunto had more